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By W. Gartrell

WASHINGTON

"Land of the West! Tho' passing brief the record of thine age, thou hast a name that darkens all on history's wide page. Let all the blasts of fame ring out—thine shall be loudest far; Let others boast their satellites,—thou hast the planet-star. Thou hast a name whose characters of light shall ne'er depart; 'Tis stamped upon the dullest brain and warms the coldest heart; A war-cry fit for any land where Freedom's to be won; Land of the West, it stands alone! It is thy Washington!"

—Eliza Cook.

And the passing years but add lustre to the name of that Christian gentleman who guided the destinies of the new Land of the West through its stormy natal days. There is no doubt that the force and power of Washington's abiding faith in God was the compass by which he set his course in the midst of those turbulent years and that same faith that lighted his darkest day may be ours if we will.

A well aimed charge from a shotgun in the hands of Nathaniel Pedleton Davis, colored, blasted away one angle of a triangle Thursday night and resulted in the death later in the night at the Loudoun County Hospital of Crow Tracy, erstwhile friend of Nat's "womenfolks." According to Nat, "some words and a few rocks" were exchanged and then he went for his gun. As he was coming back to the scene of battle, he found Tracy within six feet of him and "raised his gun and mowed him down," then went to a telephone and called Sgt. Macalester to come and get him. Nat, being in Fauquier County, faced "de Law" there next day and was released on bond in the sum of \$500 which was furnished by Maj. Turner

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Brandywine Races In Natural Country

The 2nd annual running of The Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point will be held at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, March 23rd, in the country hunted by The Brandywine Hounds and the Westchester Hunt.

The course will be about six miles in length—starting and finishing at the same place. It will be run around four flagged points. The course will include a gallop over plow, natural hunting obstacles, two or three really good sized fences, a trappy fence for the last, and at least a quarter of a mile run-in at right angles to the last fence. Each rider must pick his line from one point-to-the next. The course will be picked out by the committee with these principles in mind so as to give the half-bred hunter a fair chance to

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New Jersey Prepares For Racing Days With Notable Breeding Establishments In A State Far To The North Stand Stallions Of Exceptional Breeding And Class To Promote Thoroughbred Interests

Back in The Gay Nineties New Jersey was one of the most active racing centers in the United States and of their tracks, Monmouth Park, near Red Bank, was second to none in the Country. With modern transportation Red Bank is within commuting distance of New York City, a trip of no importance whatever, but then, although it was close enough to collect a New York crowd, it was sufficiently far so that a trip to the races there constituted a holiday. It must have been a pretty sight and a merry one. People arriving by train, boat, carriage and coach to take over the towns of Long Branch, Red Bank and every available hamlet within driving distance of the track. The track attendance used to run as high as forty thousand, twice as large as a big day at Belmont now, and it is easy to imagine that a crowd of such proportions conveyed in horse drawn vehicles would brighten the countryside for miles around, bringing with it the gala atmosphere that racing creates.

If and when the political hurdles are finally taken, New Jersey will have racing again. Not at old Monmouth Park, for that is now an army post, but one of the three tracks which the state hopes to maintain, will be anything but new. Elkwood Park was built back in the time when racing at Monmouth was at its height and is only a very short distance from the site of the old plant. Built to rival Monmouth, no expense was spared in its construction, but just after it was completed racing was legislated out of New Jersey, so Elkwood saw but two days of activity. Naturally it is overgrown, now, and the buildings are gone but there is a setting that will combine history, atmosphere and beauty to such extent as to put it practically in the same brackets as Belmont and Saratoga, for although Elkwood had such a short life of its own in the past it will recreate memories of Monmouth, whose name it will carry, and the days of ladies with bustles and parasols and gentlemen with whiskers and long, tight trousers.

New Jersey breeders will be ready for the return of racing. In their quiet way they have been carrying on consistently to an extent that is scarcely realized by those not directly connected with the industry. In fact a trip through the establishments of New Jersey is apt to be a revelation to a native of the state. The grazing is, naturally, better in some sections than in others and the winters are long and cold but good race horses and hunters can and are being raised in New Jersey every year. A recent census of stallions shows fifteen of them distributed throughout the eastern part of the state and, in spite of the fact that five of these have not as yet sent representatives to the races and that several of the others are used partly for breeding hunters and show horses, they had 136 winners of 324 races totaling \$236,608 at the tracks in 1939. An astonishing record for a state with no racing of its own, which has been famous in the past mostly for breeding mosquitoes.

Down in the Camden section of New Jersey, where they used to race right through the four seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter with no vacations, except on race days when the snow was too deep, are three horses whose names will be familiar to anyone with even a remote interest in racing. John P. Grier, at the Meadowview Farm in Moorestown, was best known in the past as Man o' War's most dangerous rival, more recently as the sire of Mr. William Zeigler's ill-fated El Chico, unbeaten as a two-year-old, last season's stake winners Battle Jack and Gridiron, and locally as the founder of a dynasty of successful New Jersey stallions; Sting, owned by Mrs. M. M. van Beuren and Nelson Asiel at Wrightstown, well named son of Spur—Gnat, sire of Greentree's good young stallion Questionnaire, who last year had the stake winners Hash and Third Degree to his credit; and Zev, fifth on the list of money winners with \$313,639, standing at the once world famous Rancocas Farm near Jobstown. Then there is Dr. J. W. Bowley's young *Sun Briar stallion, Sun Mission at Larkwood Farm. Too young, as yet, to have established a record in the stud his breeding and appearance are full of promise. John P. Grier represents the Ben Bruch branch of Eclipse, Sting, the Domino, Sun Mission the Sundridge and Zev goes back through The Finn to Matchem.

It wouldn't matter what kind of a mare you owned or what sort of a foal you hoped she would produce, there is pretty sure to be a stallion suitable to the purpose somewhere in New Jersey. In that section of the state hunted by the Essex Hounds, W. D. Cleland has three imported stallions at his Bedminster Stock Farm. *Tournament II by Gay Crusader out of a 3/4 sister of Stephen the Great has the grey color and strength, combined with quality in conformation so sought for in hunters. That he can reproduce it

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Victory Morn Wins In First 3 Yr. Old Race For Ohioan

Marion Collins Proves Good Investment In Miami's Opener February 21st

Victory Morn returned his owner Col. Maxwell Howard just approximately one-twentieth of his purchase price with his first triumph under the Ohio manufacturer's black and white silks when he won the Naranja Purse, which netted him \$1,200 at Hialeah last Tuesday, February 20. The son of the great Maryland sire *Challenger II brought \$21,600 when Col. Howard purchased him as a 2-year-old from the Ral Parr dispersal at Pimlico last fall and since then has only started twice prior to Tuesday's performance, both of which attempts proved abortive. Racing as a juvenile for the late Mr. Parr last season, Victory Morn earned \$31,240 altogether, including Narragansett's Old Colony Stakes, the Eastern Shore Handicap at Havre de Grace and the Richard Johnson Stakes at Laurel. Leading from start to finish of Tuesday's mile and an eighth, the Earl Sande trained "little horse", had to drive for it in the stretch to win his first 3-year-old victory, only staying off Greentree's Day Dodger by a neck margin.

Scoring for the first time since she broke her maiden at Narragansett back in September, 1939, Mrs. B. H. Jackson's filly Sun Kit carried off the major portion of a \$1,500 purse at Havana's Oriental Park last Sunday, February 11. The Court Manor bred daughter of *Sun Briar—Kitcat trav-

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Old Fashioned Race In Grand National

A Committee meeting of the Grand National Point to Point was held in Baltimore, Md., on February 14, to discuss the means of stimulating interest in timber racing for fox hunters, according to George G. Carey, Jr., Secy.

Taking into consideration the increasing interest in "Old-Fashioned Point-to-Point-Races," in the past four years the Greenspring Hounds having had no fewer than twenty-one starters and last year had thirty-two over a six-mile course, it was decided to try to find out the feeling toward an "Old-Fashioned Point-to-Point" to be held on April 20th immediately following the 41st, running of The Grand National, in order to determine the fastest hunter of the season, entries to be subject to the following conditions:

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The Horseman's News

Turf and Stud

By Exterminator

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles by one of the nation's best informed authorities on racing and breeding. Exterminator prefers to remain anonymous.

The last seven or eight years have witnessed a striking growth in winter racing. In Florida the Flamingo Stakes and \$50,000.00 Widener Cup attract good horses. In years past, tiny **Black Helen**, the queenly sister of unbeaten **Bimelech** won the Florida Derby, and **Lawrin** won the Flamingo Stakes before his sterling victory in the Kentucky Derby. **War Admiral**, too, won the Widener Cup the year after he beat **Pompoon** for the Kentucky Derby.

In California, Santa Anita annually offers its \$100,000.00 handicap at a mile and a quarter, as well as its \$50,000.00 Derby. This year the great Handicap is filled with dramatic possibilities. To begin with, it is the great objective in the come back campaign of one of the greatest and gamest of horses—**Seabiscuit**. The Biscuit was beaten a nose for the great stake in 1937 by **Rosemont**, who was giving away seven pounds, as I recall it. In 1938 **Seabiscuit**, whose ill fortune matched his greatness, was beaten the proverbial whisker when trying to give thirty pounds to **Stagehand**, the leading three year old of the year.

Seabiscuit has already won about \$346,000.00 so that a victory in the big stake would put him far in front of **Sun Beau**'s world record of \$376,000.00. In 1939, however, **Seabiscuit** broke down, and made a light stud season. While there are a number of horses which have entered upon stud duties and then resumed racing with success, such as **Ogden** and **Sir John Johnson**, these who have made the attempt and failed are quite as numerous.

One of **Seabiscuit**'s most formidable rivals for the great stake is **Sun Lover**, a son of **Sun Beau**. If these two should come racing down the stretch head and head, **Seabiscuit** racing to become the greatest money winner in the world and **Sun Lover** struggling to defend the honor of his sire as the world's greatest money winner, who will there be to say that the late Nat Gould's racing novels were too rich and improbable?

The other day **Seabiscuit** and his stable companion **Kayak II** ran in a seven furlong allowance race at Santa Anita. The "sure thing" gamblers thought that this was an opportunity as safe as government bonds, and a great deal quicker. The stablemates were plunged on to show, and obliged by running sixth (**Seabiscuit**) and eighth (**Kayak II**).

In the case of an old and unsound horse such as **Seabiscuit** such a showing is understandable, but the case of **Kayak II** is another matter. In the Pimlico Special last November **Kayak II**, though beaten half a length, ran at least a three pound better horse than **Challedon** at the weights. On that performance, and on many others there can be doubt about the abilities of **Kayak II**.

The dismal race in California raises a number of questions. Can a horse race successfully all year round without a prolonged let up at some

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Chronicle's List Of Stallions

The Chronicle herewith publishes the third of a series of stallion lists, to be completed in forthcoming issues. Listed below are the stallions in the Eastern Seaboard States, together with the names of the establishments at which they are making the 1940 season and the present stud fees as advertised.

Limited space prevents the complete National list being carried in one issue. Next week will be published the list of Mid-West stallions.

CONNECTICUT

PLAYTIME, b., 1927, H. R. Lotz, Plainville. (U. S. Gov't.)
My Play—Nell Wilder, by Broomstick.
PROJECTILE, b., 1930, W. L. Bohn, Cornwall Bridge. (U. S. Gov't.)

*Swift and Sure—Fair Priscilla, by Fair Play.

DELAWARE

GONFALON, ch., 1921, Sunview Farm, Glasgow. (Miss Jane Henderson).
Pennant—Bonnie Broom, by Whisk Broom II.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SIRES

*SUN GOD II, b., 1922, New Hampshire Racing Comm., Durham.

Maintenon—Sunbonnet, by Sunstar.

MASSACHUSETTS

BOATSWAIN, br., 1929, M. B. Stone's Farm, Readville. (Malcolm B. Stone).
Man o' War—Baton, by Hainault.
GALLANT GAY, ch., 1933, Wedgemere Farm, Framingham. (C. F. Adams).
Galetan—Gay Nineties, by Yield Not.
KEARSARGE, dk. b., 1933, Belmar Farms, Seekonk. (Walter Henderson).
Man o' War—Baton, by Hainault.

PARMELEE T., b., 1934, A. J. Dorsey, Foxboro. (U. S. Gov't.).

Victorian—Waukuilla, by Chicle.

NEW JERSEY

CARUSO, b., 1927, Hop Creek Farm, Holmdel. (W. H. La Boyteaux).
*Polymerian—Sweet Music, by Harmonicon. Also Jack High, Valevictorian.

CASE ACE, b., 1934, Harmony Hollow Farms, Harcourtton. (Joseph M. Roehling).

*Teddy—Sweetheart, by Ultimus.

CATALAN, b., 1921, Oak Glen Farm, Old Orchard. (W. W. Vaughan).

Fair Play—Catalpa, by Tracery.

COCKER HAT, b., 1929, Woodland Farm, Red Bank.

Mad Hatter—Cyrena, by Orden. Also Knave High.

COURT DAY, ch., 1924, Woodvale Farm, Princeton. (Mark M. Jones).

Fair Play—Castanet, by Frizzle.

FOUR SPADES, b., 1933, L. C. Vannan's Farm, Morristown. (U. S. Gov't.).

*Dan IV—Queen of Spain, by Spanish Prince II.

JACK HIGH, ch., 1926, Hop Creek Farms, Holmdel. (W. H. LaBoyteaux).

John P. Grier—Priscilla, by Star Shoot. Also Caruso, Valevictorian.

JOHN P. GRIER, ch., 1917, Meadowview Farms, Moorestown.

(Meadowview Farms, Inc.)

Whisk Broom II—Wonders by Disguise.

KNAVE HIGH, ch., 1934, Woodland Farm, Red Bank.

Jack High—Alice Foster, by Patand. Also Cockey Hat.

*ST. ELMO, Jr., 1932, Mrs. D. V. Kellogg, Princeton.

Pharao—Frisky, by Isard II.

STINGE, b., 1921, Stromboli Farm, Wrightstown. (Mrs. M. M. Van Beuren & N. I. Asiel).

Spur—Gnat, by Voter.

*SUN CHARMER, b., 1919, Lawrence Duffy's Farm, Laurel Springs. (U. S. Gov't.).

Sunstar—Lady Vilaine, by St. Sief.

SUN MISSION, b., 1926, Larkwood Farm, (Dr. J. W. Bowley).

*Sun Briar—Missinaihi, by Rochester.

*TOURNAMENT II, gr., 1922, Bedminster Stock Farm, Bedminster. (W. D. Cleland).

Gay Crusader—Reine des Peches, by Roi Herode.

VALEVICTORIAN, blk., 1933, Hop Creek Farm, Holmdel. (W. H. LaBoyteaux).

Victorian—Aroma, by Santry. Also Caruso, Jack High.

ZEV, br., 1920, Rancocas Farm, Jobstown. (H. F. Sinclair).

The Finn—Miss Kearny, by Planades.

The Editor's Note: The Government stallion **Four Spades**, listed above, was included in The Chronicle's list of Virginia sires (see Feb. 9 issue) as standing at the Remount Depot, which was in error, as **Four Spades** was recently transferred to New Jersey.

NEW YORK

*BIMBO III, gr., 1932, Twin Lakes Stud Farm, Goldens Bridge. (Sidney H. Scheuer).

Bribi—Beatrix, Also Demonstration.

BRIGHT HAVEN, b., 1931, Dr. B. Rettenberg's Farm, Pawling. (U. S. Gov't.).

*Brigadier—Rock Haven, by Trap Rock.

CHALLENGE CUP, ch., 1934, Ardmore Farm, Wappinger Falls. (U. S. Gov't.).

*Rosolio—Shamrock III, by Hurry On.

CURATE, ch., 1929, Squadron C Farm, Huntington, L. I. (The Jockey Club).

Fair Play—Irish Abbey, by Cell.

DEMONSTRATION, ch., 1932, Twin Lakes Stud Farm, Goldens Bridge.

(Sidney H. Scheuer).

*Dancer—Court, by Black Jester. Also *Bimbo III.

FLARION, b., 1935, Maxwell H. Glover's Farm, Genesee. (The Jockey Club).

Gallant Fox—Plumbino, by Wrack.

GALLANT PRINCE, b., 1932, C. V. Bailey's Farm, Glen Head, L. I. (The Jockey Club).

Gallant Fox—Merry Princess, by Spanish Prince II.

LADYI, ch., 1923, Breeding Bureau, Avon. (U. S. Gov't.).

*Light Brigade—Lardelle, by Lackford.

LYMPH KING, br., 1926, J. G. Taylor's Farm, Norwich. (U. S. Gov't.).

Colin—Stormy Nymph, by Joe Chamberlain.

PEANUTS, b., 1922, Aknusti Stud, Delhi. (Robert L. Gerry).

*POWERLESS, ch., 1927, D. B. Macauley Farm. (D. B. Macauley).

Runny Mede—Little Ruth, by Sir Martin.

RACE RIOT, br., 1936, R. M. Putney's Farm, Brooktondale. (U. S. Gov't.).

Flying Ebony—Miss Simplicity, by Spur.

*ROSEDALE II, b., 1928, Austin Brooks' Farm, Avon. (The Jockey Club).

*Teddy—Rosela, by Swynford.

ROYAL GUARD, b., 1930, M. A. Mosle's Farm, Greenwich. (M. A. Mosle).

*Light Brigade—Anchorsome, by Golden Sun.

THUNDERER—Sarnia, by Quebec.

VIRGINIA LOOM, ch., 1936, Frank Stanley's Farm, Painted Post. (U. S. Gov't.).

Cattail—Heirloom, by Short Grass.

WHICH MATE, ch., 1930, Roy Bow, Genesee. (Mrs. W. Austin Wadsworth).

*Uncle George—Classmate II, by Shotgun.

PENNSYLVANIA

BAY BEAUTY, b., 1926, M. H. Haines' Farm, York. (U. S. Gov't.).

Black Toney—Blushing Beauty, by Cunard.

*CHERRY KING II, ch., 1925, D. H. Sharp, Berwyn. (U. S. Gov't.).

Sunstar—Maid of Kent, by Persimmon.

CONSTITUTION, b., 1926, Chesterbrook Farm, Berwyn. (Walter M. Jeffords).

Man o' War—Florence Webster, by Peep O'Day.

DANBURN, ch., 1934, V. M. Reed, Chester Springs. (U. S. Gov't.).

*Dan IV—Runfire, by Campfire.

*GOLDEN PINE II, ch., 1928, E. C. Bothwell, Greensburg.

Golden Myth—Pineapple, by Louvois.

IN ADVANCE, ch., 1932, E. B. Mitchell, Harrisburg. (U. S. Gov't.).

Peanuts—Prelude, by Fair Play.

MOUNTAIN ELK, b., 1928, Dr. E. C. Deubler, Newtown. (U. S. Gov't.).

Apprehension—Banty Pass, by Sea King.

PYRIFORM, br., 1936, R. T. Forst, Duncanville. (U. S. Gov't.).

Whichone—Oval, by Fair Play.

THE CLOWN, b., 1920, Thorncroft Stables, Paoli. (Edwin S. Dixon, Jr.).

Hessian—Wifful, by Mirthful.

VALLEY FORGE, br., 1928, Fair Acres, Westtown. (H. G. & C. L. Twaddell).

America—Flag—Fiery Flight, by Sweep.

ROHDE ISLAND

*GRANDACE, blk., 1925, Glen Farm, Newport.

Grand Parade—Trace, by Tracery.

Notes From Great Britain

By J. Fairfax-Blakeborough

Editor's Note: The Chronicle is fortunate to have received the following from the pen of the noted English author of many sporting books and novels of the turf. Mr. Fairfax-Blakeborough, M. C., is the editor of that well known column, Notes from the North Country, in Horse and Hound. He is one of Great Britain's foremost turf commentators.

We now know that the Derby is not to be run at Epsom; that the Northumberland Plate cannot be run at High Gosforth Park, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and it may be that the St. Leger will, like the Derby, have to be run at Newmarket. There is no greater argument against the oft-mooted centralization of racing than the interest, importance and glamour these events lose when torn out of their natural and ancient setting. This would apply pro rata to smaller races but still of a very considerable county or local interest.

To transfer elsewhere certain centuries old Plates, Cups and other Turf contests in which there is such patriotic and real local enthusiasm, from the track on which they have always been run would be to divest them of the status they now hold as the piece de resistance of their own home programme. Even in these days there is a conservatism in sport, an affection for tradition, for old days and old ways which is potent, though little understood by those who advocate the closing down of a number of small race fixtures and centralizing Turf operations on the best tracks, with most up-to-date appointments and easiest of access by rail and road.

The track at some small meetings may not be good—some of them are admittedly bad—but it must not be forgotten that their very peculiarities suit many horses, and that there must be courses with varying bends and gradients to cater for all horses. It is well-known that the short-legged 'nippy' animals are better round sharp turns than are those 'on the leg.' Moreover, those whose merit is in staying stand the best chance of earning their keep on such tracks as have an uphill finish. The oft-discussed 'horses for courses' theory would become obsolete if racing were centralized and some animals to which the central course was unsuited would never have an opportunity of producing their best or of earning their keep.

For many reasons there must be this centralization, however, during war time. This is inevitable in view of many courses, or rather their buildings, being required for other purposes and also in view of restricted facilities of transport for horses and the public, not to mention the inability to secure the regulation number of police required ere racing fixtures may be held. Racing, and those whose livelihood racing is, both suffer sooner and most severely when the nation is at war and both witness the most enthusiastic revival when days of peace return.

In normal times there is only one month in the year in which there is not racing under Nat. Hunt Rules in

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Hunting Notes:



From A Foxhunter Somewhere In France

A Master Fighting In France Writes To Two New Englanders Whose Real Names And That Of His Hunt Are Omitted For Personal Nature Of The Comments

While hunting in Ireland a year ago, it was my good fortune to live in an Irish country home, with a young Englishman who had taken the Mastership of the famous pack with which we were hunting. This boy, the scion of an old English family, had renounced the education and the future that was his right, because, while at college, he had preferred to live in the Beagle Kennels that he maintained nearby, rather than in a dormitory, a preference entirely unacceptable to the Authorities; and because of the lack of sporting standards which his father's bankers had shown in refusing to honor a thousand pound draft drawn for the worthy purpose of paying the annual deficit occurred through the voracious appetites of his beloved Killarney Bitches.

A keen sportsman he was, who knew the cry of every Hound in his pack, who knew every earth stopper in his large hunting country, who spent his evenings in the village pubs, talking hunting with the friendly farmers and sporting village characters. A free soul, one who makes life more colorful and the world a little gayer.

Let us say a prayer for those blood brothers of ours who are trapped in a life of boredom and sacrifices, in the whirlpool of a futile War. May they soon again be galloping over the soft green turf of their beloved countries, and:

In their faces "The Irish mist that carresses the cheek like a mother's kiss," and in their ears, "The sweet cry of Hounds."—Tom and Pat.

British Expeditionary Forces
Somewhere in France.

Mon Cher Tom:

J'étais enchanté de recevoir votre letters, and that's about all the French I know or ever want to know.

You have been away so long now that I really don't know where to begin as regards the more recent chapters of my adventurous career. The season started brilliantly for me. Mo O'Brien (one of my local lovelies) if you remember gave up McCarran Castle and I set myself up there in a big way. The whole show organized by that brilliant and capable butler, "Thomas." Dinners and dances every night, the flow of champagne subsiding only when it was time to dress for hunting. Ah! Tom, those were the days. Wine, women and song and plenty of hunting.

Killarney itself in the top of its form was never better—no rows or quarrels and once a fortnight I gave a big dinner and party to wake up some of those sober minded old men and their wives. I had worked the season up to its highest pitch and then, one evening early in September I thought I would listen to the Irish news. There came the statement, "I think there must be a war somewhere in Germany, for Britain is making soldiers of all her population."

With this vague but stirring announcement ringing in my ears I jumped into my car, forgetting to change from "evening scarlet" and drove madly thro' the night one hundred and sixty-eight miles to Dublin, where I caught the Irish Mail to England—then I spent the rest of the month in a training camp, trying to pass the time by getting into all the mischief I could find.

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THE CHRONICLE'S SPORTING CALENDAR

Racing Calendar

FEBRUARY

1-Mar. 9. Santa Anita Park, Los Angeles Turf Club, Arcadia, Cal. (From Jan. 1).
 Santa Anita Derby, 1½ mi., 3 & up, Thurs., Feb. 22 \$50,000 Added
SANTA ANITA HANDICAP, 1½ mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 2 \$100,000 Added
 1-Indef. Fair Grounds, Louisiana Jockey Club, New Orleans, La. (From Jan. 1).
 1-Mar. 2. Hialeah Park, Miami Jockey Club, Inc., Hialeah, Fla. (From Jan. 10).
The Flamingo, 1½ mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 24 \$20,000 Added
Juvenile Championship, 3 f., 2-yr. old winners, Wed., Feb. 28 \$2,500 Added
THE WIDENER, 1¼ mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 2 \$50,000 Added
 1-Mar. 3. Oriental Park, International Jockey Club, Havana, Cuba. (From Jan. 13).
 26-Mar. 30. Oaklawn Park, Oaklawn Park Jockey Club, Hot Springs, Ark.

MARCH

4-Apr. 10 Tropical Park, Gables Racing Association, Coral Gables, Fla.
Pan American Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Fri., Mar. 9 \$3,000 Added
Orange Blossom Stakes, 4 f., 2-yr. old colts and geldings, Sat., Mar. 16 \$2,000 Added
Royal Palm Handicap, 1 mi. & 70 yds., & up, Tue., Mar. 13 \$3,000 Added
Viscaia Stakes, 4 f., 2-yr. old fillies, Sat., Mar. 30 \$2,000 Added
Tropical Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Apr. 10 \$10,000 Added

APRIL

1-Apr. 13. Bowie, Southern Maryland Agricultural Assn., Bowie, Md.
 2-Apr. 25. Keeneland, Keeneland Association, Inc., Lexington, Ky.
Phoenix Handicap, 8 f., 3 & up, Thurs., Apr. 11 \$2,500 Added
Ashland Stakes, 6 f., 3-yr. old fillies, Sat., Apr. 13 \$2,500 Added
Ben Ali Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., April 20 \$2,500 Added
Lafayette Stakes, about ½ mi., 2-year olds, Wed., Apr. 24 \$2,500 Added
Blue Grass Stakes, 1 mi. & 1 f., 3-year olds, Thurs., Apr. 25 \$5,000 Added

15-Apr. 27. Havre de Grace, Harford Agricultural & Breeders' Assn., Havre de Grace, Md.

15-May 11. Tanforan, Tanforan, Co., Ltd., San Bruno, Cal.
Inaugural Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Fri., Mar. 15 \$2,500 Added

Yerba Buena Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 16 \$2,500 Added
Golden State Derby, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Mar. 23 \$5,000 Added

Tanforan Debutante Stakes, 4½ f., 2-yr. old fillies, Sat., Mar. 30 \$2,500 Added
El Camino Real Handicap, 1 mi. & 70 yds., 3-yr. old fillies and mares, Sat., April 6 \$2,500 Added

A. B. Spreckles Handicap, 5 f., 2-yr. olds, Sat., Apr. 13 \$2,500 Added
Twin Peaks Handicap, 1 mi. & 70 yds., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Apr. 20 \$2,500 Added
San Francisco Handicap, 1 mi. & 70 yds., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 27 \$2,500 Added

Tanforan Cup, 4 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., May 4 \$2,500 Added
Marchbank Handicap, 1½ mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 11 \$5,000 Added

17-May 18. Narragansett Park, Narragansett Racing Association, Pawtucket, R. I.
Spring Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 20 \$5,000 Added

Portsmouth Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 27 \$5,000 Added
Bristol Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., May Sat., Apr. 27 \$5,000 Added

Rhode Island Handicap, 1-8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 11 \$10,000 Added
Blackstone Valley Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., May 18 \$5,000 Added

(Nominations For Above Close Wed., Apr. 19)

20-May 18. Beulah Park, Beulah Park Jockey Club, Columbus, Ohio.

27-May 18. Churchill Downs, Churchill Downs-Latonia, Inc., Louisville, Ky.

Clerk Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 27 \$2,500 Added

Berdy Trial, 1 mi., 3-yr. olds, Tues., Apr. 30 \$2,500 Added

Debutante Stakes, 2-yr. old fillies, Wed., May 1 \$2,500 Added

Churchill Downs Handicap, 1 mi. 3 & up, Thurs., May 2 \$2,500 Added

Bashford Manor Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. olds, cts & gds., Fri., May 3 \$2,500 Added

SIXTY-SIXTH KENTUCKY DERBY, 1 1-4 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., May 4 \$75,000 Added

Kentucky Oaks, 1 1-8 mi., 3-yr. old fillies, Sat., May 11 \$5,000 Added

Kentucky Handicap, 1 1-8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 18 \$2,500 Added

(Above Stakes Close Thurs., Feb. 15)

27-May 25. Aurora, Exposition Park Jockey Club, Aurora, Ill.

29-May 11. Pimlico, Maryland Jockey Club, Pimlico, Md.

Baltimore Spring Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Mon., Apr. 29 \$2,500 Added

Bernier Handicap, 6 f., 3-yr. olds, Tues., April 30 \$2,500 Added

Gittins Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Wed., May 1 \$2,500 Added

Ral Parr Stakes, 4½ f., 2-yr. olds, Thurs., May 2 \$2,500 Added

Green Spring Valley Steeplechase Handicap, 2 mi., 4 & up, Fri., May 3 \$2,500 Added

Pimlico Oaks, 1 1-16 mi., 3-year old fillies, Sat., May 4 \$10,000 Added

Jennings Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Mon., May 6 \$3,000 Added

Survivor Stakes, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Tue., May 7 \$2,500 Added

Dixie Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Wed., May 8 \$20,000 Added

Carroll Handicap, 3 & up, fillies and mares, Thurs., May 9 \$2,500 Added

Pimlico Nursery Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. olds, Fri., May 10 \$5,000 Added

PREAKNESS STAKES, 1 3-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., May 11 \$50,000 Added

MAY

17-May 25. Woodbine Park, Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto, Ont., Canada.
 20-July 27. Suffolk Downs, Eastern Horse Ass'n., Boston, Mass.
Commonwealth Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., May 25 \$5,000 Added
Governor's Handicap, 1 mi., 3 & up, Sat., June 1 \$5,000 Added
Plymouth Rock Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., June 8 \$5,000 Added

Betsy Ross Stakes

5 f., 2-yr. old fillies, Sat., June 15 \$5,000 Added

Bunker Hill Handicap, 1 mi., 3-yr. olds, Mon., June 17 \$5,000 Added

Constitution Handicap, 1 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., June 22 \$5,000 Added

Miles Standish Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. old colts, and geldings, Sat., June 29 \$5,000 Added

Yankee Handicap, 1 3-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Thurs., July 4 \$15,000 Added

Hannah Dustin Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., July 6 \$5,000 Added

Paul Revere Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., July 13 \$5,000 Added

MASSACHUSETTS HANDICAP, 1½ mi., 3 & up, up, Wed., July 17 \$50,000 Added

Mayflower Stakes, 5½ f., 2-yr. olds, Sat., July 20 \$10,000 Added

Puritan Handicap, 1½ mi., 3 & up, Sat., July 27 \$7,500 Added

27-June 3. Thorncliffe Park, Thorncliffe Park Racing Assn., Toronto, Ont., Canada.

27-June 22. Lincoln Fields, Lincoln Fields Jockey Club, Crete, Ill.

29-July 4. Delaware Park, Delaware Steeplechase & Racing Ass'n., Wilmington, Del.

30-Aug. 3. Hollywood Park, Hollywood Turf Club, Inglewood, Cal.

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7 & 8-Winston Salem, N. C.

8-9-Rock Spring, W. Orange, N. J.

8-9-Norfolk, Va.

12-16-Detroit, Mich.

13-16-Troy, N. Y.

13-15-Westchester County, N. Y.

14-15-Toledo, Ohio.

15-16-Hinsdale, Ill.

16-Bronxville, N. Y.

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VICTORY MORN

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eled a muddy five furlongs in 1.10 4-5 to capture the week-end's secondary feature handicap from J. C. Ellis' **Dry Ice**, a winner two days previously, and some six other 3-year-olds.

Another of last season's 2-year-old winners to make a first accounting this year was R. C. Thatcher's **Tactician**, son of the Virginia sire **Blenheim**, who won an easy six length victory at Santa Anita on February 17, defeating Hawthorne Stable's **Orenco** and others.

The Miami track's opening event, on February twenty first a three furlong nursery course affair for 2-year-old maiden fillies, saw Sidney Gooch's **Marion Collins** outgame eleven other youngsters to prove a worthwhile investment. The **Neddie—Floranda** filly only brought \$450 in the Court Manor consignment at Saratoga last year and with this, her second start, she earned \$600.

Also among the past week's 2-year-old winners, E. K. Bryson's **Your Bid**, son of the young Brookmeade, Virginia, sire **Psychic Bid**, turned in his maiden accounting by beating nine other juveniles for a quarter of a mile at New Orleans last Monday, while at the same track on February 16, H. M. Babylon's **Becomly** by that handsome young Maryland sire **Swashbuckler**, dashed a quarter mile muddy strip in .24 4-5, to win her maiden test from ten other fillies.

Following is a list of the past week's winners by sires from all Eastern Coast States which have scored during the racing from Wednesday, February 14, through Tuesday, February 21.

BLENEHM (Va.)		
Tactician, 3, b. c. (Diablosse, by Diavolo), SA, Feb. 17, 1 mi., cl. 1.39	700	
*CHALLENGER II (Md.)		
Dare Bunny, 5, b. g. (Briar Bunny, by Mint Briar), SA, Feb. 14, 7 f., cl. 1.26 3-5		
Molasses Bob, 6, b. h. (Molasses Jane, by Ballot), FG, Feb. 17, 1 mi. & 70 yds., cl. 1.50 3-5	400	
Victory Morn, 3, b. g. (Bright Lava, by Bright Knight), HIP, Feb. 20, 1 1/2 mi., allowance, 1.51 4-5	1,200	
CRACK BRIGADE (Md.)		
Anthology, 5, blk. g. (Conservancy, by Blink II), SA, Feb. 17, 1 1-16 mi., allow. ce, 1.44 3-5	1,000	
ED CRUMP (Va.)		
Rowes Crump, 7, ch. g. (Rowesgold, by All Gold), FG, Feb. 16, 1 mi. & 70 yds., cl. 1.51 4-5	400	
FLAG POLE (Va.)		
Flag Eta, 4, b. f. (Junetta, by Junior), FG, Feb. 20, 1 mi. & 70 yds., cl. 1.45 4-5	400	
MOWLEE (Md.)		
English Harry, 5, b. g. (Honesty, by Mackenzie II), SA, Feb. 16, 2 1/4 mi., cl. 3.55 3-5	1,000	
GENIE (Va.)		
Earl Porter, 8, lt. ch. g. (Golden Stairs, by Colonel Vennie), Ha., Feb. 15, 1 1-16 mi., cl. 1.49 3-5	350	
GINO (Va.)		
Gino Rex, 4, gr. c. (Suntess, by Sun		

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SIR LUKE	Luke	Utitius by Commando
B. h., 1921	McLuke	*Midge by Trenton
15.3 hns.		
Bone 8½ in.	Agnès	Sir Dixon by *Billet
Girth 77 in.	Virginia	Fair Penitent by Hindoo
Wt. 1280 lbs.		
BAD BILL	Majority	Ballot by *Voter
Ch. h., 1927		Cintrella by Bryn Mawr
16.3 hns.		
Bone 9 in.	Rosetime	Previous by *Meddler
Girth 77 in.		Reflection by *Zorilla
Wt. 1320 lbs.		

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BRANDYWINE MEETING

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beat a thoroughbred.

The course will be made known a week before the running of the Point-to-Point. On this day marker flags will be put up.

There will be one race only not open to ladies with minimum weight 165 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the owner of the winning horse. A trophy will also be presented to the owner of the first horse to finish carrying 190 lbs. or more.

The riders shall be amateurs acceptable to the committee and who, in the opinion of the committee, have hunted regularly with Brandywine, Westchester, or any of the other local packs in the vicinity during the hunting season of 1939-40. Any rider who is eligible may ride any horse which in the opinion of the committee has been hunted regularly during the season 1939-40 with any of the above mentioned packs of Hounds.

Any contestant who rides more than 100 yards on any right of way or fails to skirt any cultivated field, unless such right of way or such field has been specifically named as part of the course, shall be disqualified.

The committee consists of the following: Kenneth Caswell, Chairman; John S. Harrison, Secretary; Daniel Cornwell, Thomas Graham and Joseph T. Murtagh.

Gilbert Mather, M. F. H., J. C. Murtagh, M. F. G. and Moses Worth will serve as Stewards.

Thomas Clark, William T. Fleming and Thomas P. Harney will act as Judges.

The committee of the Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point is putting on its race with two main thoughts in mind: 1, to put on an event that will afford sport to both riders and spectators, and 2, in words which have already been used by The Chronicle, "Point-to-Points are the Foundation stones upon which the great timber classics grow."

Briar, HIP, Feb. 14, 1 1/2 mi., 1.50 1-5... Sunreign, 4, ch. c. (Reigh Nun, by Sunreign), HIP, Feb. 20, 6 f., allowance 1.11 4-5

*GRANDACE (R. L.)

Weight Anchor, 3, ch. g. (Windlass, by Man o' War), SA, Feb. 17, 6 f., allowance 1.11 1-5

Lolschen, 7, b. or br. m. (Tiuna, by Archaic), Ha., Feb. 18, 6 f., cl. 1.15 1-5...

GRAND TIME (Va.)

Ever Grand, ch. g. (Lawnview by Brumado), Ha., Feb. 20, 1 mi. & 60 yds., cl. 1.48 3-5

*HAPPY ARGO (Va.)

Ready-About, 4, b. f. (Flying Wind, by *Strolling Player), HIP, Feb. 19, 1 1/2 mi., cl. 1.55 3-5

JUDGE HAY (Va.)

Judge Pan, 5, br. g. (General Thatcher), AGC, Feb. 18, 1 1-16 mi., cl. 1.47

MOKATON (Va.)

White Eye, 4, blk. g. (Silver Song, by Siller), Ha., Feb. 16, 1 1-16 mi., cl. 1.50 1-5

NEDDE (Va.)

Marion Collins, 2, ch. (Floranova, by The Porter), HIP, Feb. 20, 3 f., mdns., cl. .34 3-5

ON WATCH (Va.)

Watchcase, 5, b. m. (Mad Hattie, by Mad Hatter), Ha., Feb. 17, 5 1/2 f., cl. 1.07 1-5

PETEE-WRACK (Md.)

Peon, 4, b. c. (Eagleton, by Chatterton), Ha., Feb. 15, 6 f., allowance 1.13

1.000

*PILEATE (Va.)

White Hope, 3, br. n. (Donna B., by Dona-nona), HIP, Feb. 20, 1 1/2 mi., cl. 1.53

775

POMPEY (Va.)

Pomplin, 5, ch. m. (Moonlight, by Friar Rock), FG, Feb. 17, 1 mi. & 70 yds., cl. 1.50 3-5

PSYCHIC BID (Va.)

Your Bid, 2, b. c. (Kurnac, by Out of Reach), FG, Feb. 19, 2 f., M. Sp. W., 23

400

*ROYAL CANOPY (Va.)

Pretty Royal, 7, ch. m. (Pretty Business, by Spanish Prince II), Ha., Feb. 14, 1 1-16 mi., cl. 1.50 4-5

425

*SPANISH PRINCE II (Va.)

El Puma, 11, ch. g. (Kitten, by Plaudit), HIP, Feb. 15, 1 1/2 mi., cl. 1.52

700

*SUN BRIAR (Va.)

Sun Kit, 3, lt. b. f. (Kitcat, by Fair Play), Ha., Feb. 18, 5 1/2 f., cap. 1.10 1-5

1,000

*STROLLING PLAYER (Va.)

Blare, 3, ch. g. (Noise, by *Spanish

OLD FASHIONED RACE

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(1) Riders must be male members of a Recognized Hunt or a United States Army officer.

(2) Owners must be members of a Recognized Hunt or a United States Army officer.

(3) Rider and horse, not necessarily together, must have finished an "Old-Fashioned Point-to-Point" held by a Recognized Hunt either this year or last.

(4) The course must be flagged over natural hunting country between 4 1-2 and 5 miles, including part of The Grand National course, with fences averaging 3 feet 8 inches.

(5) Weight must be 180 pounds minimum, with no allowances except overweight; entrance fee \$10.

(6) Riders are to wear hunting costume.

(7) All out-of-town riders and their wives will be guests of The Committee for the night.

(8) A challenge cup will be put up, as well as a cup for permanent possession.

Campbell, Jr., will be secretary of the show.

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With the early days of February mild weather, the first of Nineteen-Forty, came to the Radnor hunting country. It was on Sunday the fourth that the mercury rose to almost fifty degrees ending the cold snap which had lasted over a month. With the warmer weather came rain, which prevented the bitch pack from meeting the Tuesday fixture at Bullock's Corner. This rain washed away the patches of snow that still dotted the country and with the warm temperatures softened up the hard, frozen ground. Going was deep when Hounds hunted from the Hunt Club on Wednesday afternoon; and it was the Pratt's swamp fox that led the dog pack and followers on a fast, driving hunt of an hour and forty-five minutes through the mud. Rain fell again Friday and early Saturday morning. Although it stopped before the appointed meeting time, Hounds remained in the Kennel, for J. Hunter Lucas, acting master during Roy Jackson's absence, was afraid the field would do too much damage to the very soft countryside.

Monday, February 12th,
Lincoln's Birthday

Lincoln's Birthday is always a big hunting day at Radnor, and this year was no exception. Conditions were ideal over head but frightful under foot. The terribly soft, deep going, however, did not keep home Radnor sportsmen. A field of well over forty-five with much scarlet in evidence hunted behind huntsman O'Neal and the driving bitch pack.

The Fairy Hill covert was drawn blank, but the Pratt's swamp fox was at home; and it wasn't long before Hounds spoke the line and chorused away through Pratt's woods into Delchester Farm. Scenting conditions appeared to be favorable as the bitches drove away west through the Delchester covert and bore left-handed across the open for Quaker woods. The pace was fast, and it took a bold, strong hunter and hard rider to stay close to Hounds through the deep going. From Quaker woods Reynard broke covert and led straight away down country, through the pig

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For ten days past rain twice and Wednesday's blizzard mutilated the fixture card. On this clear morning, February 17, Hounds met at ten o'clock at the Hunt's Washington Stables.

They were first cast by the Honorary Huntsman, L. Brown Smith, on Round Mountain four miles distant. Of the quota brought by the Honorary Whipper-in, Jack W. Bruce, Major and Jack jumped a grey fox and streaked away over the mountain in pursuit. Their music went unheeded by the remaining 11 couple, however, for almost simultaneously a red was viewed away. The choice of pack, Staff, and field, the red fox scorched off the mountain, across Louis Updike's farm, W. J. Allman's, over the Menefee's Mountain portion of Mrs. Will Stuart's estate, and came to a bad end on Warner Miller's farm.

The pack was being led across the Pat Miller farm on the way to Gooch Mountain for a new draw when Mr. Bruce's Daffy was heard working a line alone on Round Mountain. Hounds were put on this line at one o'clock and the quarry, a clever grey, was frequently viewed during the afternoon.

For an hour and one-half the fox walked, while scent was so poor that Hounds could only trail along with noses down. They after a while left Round Mountain and carried a twisting line on through Ben Tolliver's

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farm and Plumsook, crossing the Penn Tavern road into Thomas Brothers woods. Swinging left-handed Hounds ran on north across the bottom land of Providence Farm and breasted the slope into Chuckwood woods.

Now our fox headed away back up country toward his home covert. With hardly a check, the bitches gave their quarry very little time to tarry and pushed him on into Delchester again. The pace was somewhat slower in Delchester woods, where Mr. Fox had run the muddy paths to elude his pursuers. Here many blown mounts were pulled up for a moment's rest. After a circle through this wood, Hounds broke covert and streamed away across the open to Quaker woods again. Our fox was turned as he led away toward the pig farm, and headed back to the Delchester spinney in full view of the field, where he paused for many moments to watch Hounds and followers.

Reynard now set his mask north and was away again across Delchester Farm. Running at good pace not far behind, the pack carried the line away north to the Pete Smith farm and on into the Tony Jackson property. Scent was becoming rather catchy as the breeze, which had been blowing from the northwest, shifted into the south. After working on at a somewhat slower pace down country across Bryn Clovis Farm, the bitches swung left-handed and drove away through Midstream Farm to Clide John's Thicket and on across Silver Spring. Here a long check resulted where the fox had run the road. Finally the pack picked up the line and worked it slowly on into the Malvern Barrens where the order was given for home. Hounds had been hunting this fox well over two hours.—R. P. W. H.

From A Foxhunter Somewhere In France

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Now I'm "somewhere in France", making the best of a bad job. I have been working for sometime trying to get a pack of Hounds out from England. I have pointed out to the War Department the great advantage it would be to give officers and men some form of exercise. I hope to be doing four days a week in a short time now. In fact I have my Irish hunting coat all ready for the opening day. The scarlet now dyed to a muddy khaki, far more appropriate like the camouflage of the guns and trucks, how distressing it would be to have a scarlet coat attract an enemy bomber with Hounds in full cry.

The mention of Hounds brings my mind back to my Killarney country. I hope the war won't last too long for there's no one else to pay the bills and keep Hounds going. If it is all too late, then I shall come over to hunt with you in America. Before I forget it, thank you ever so much for subscribing to my "wizard bitches", it really was thoughtful of you and a sporting gesture. I wish there were more in the world to whom hunting comes first, instead of the average man who stops his subscription just because there is a war on.

There has just been a bit of an accident—my friend, who just opened a rather violent bottle of champagne, has allowed it to explode all over this letter, but no doubt, in the long journey across the Atlantic it will dry out alright.

Tom and Pat, I now arise and drink your very good health. May we all forgoer, in the not too distant future, in McCarron Castle when the war is over. My ten dogs as usual all over the furniture, the smiling "Thomas" bringing up endless bottles of champaigne and his accordian pumping away until day-light.

How different my present life, except for an occasional party, dull and boring. In the evenings after a long day of drill and military nonsense, I sit before the fire in the tiny back kitchen of my billet and pen a letter to **Horse and Hound** ranting my hatred of all things militaristic; or I draw on my imagination and write a story of a mythical but stirring hunt and send it on to the **Irish Field**. Then I turn to my mail and answer all the letters from my pretty and faithful Irish Maidens or those from my good friends the Killarney farmers. And so I keep up my spirits with the memories of the great days I have had and the sport that is to come, God willing.

Again I drink your health and as my thoughts float away with the bubbles that arise on the glass before me, I say Good-night, Good luck and God bless you all.

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The past two weeks the Carrollton Hounds have been rather unlucky with their hunting days. The week of Feb. 4th. Hounds went out Monday and Wednesday but the Saturday meet was canceled due to heavy rains. This week Hounds met Monday but again the weather was against us on Wednesday when all of Maryland suffered a blizzard. Then the Saturday hunt was called off as most of the club horses were showing in the 110th. Field Artillery Horse Show.

However on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. we had a run that made up for all of the days we missed. Hounds met at Gypsy Hill at 2 P. M. No one raised his hopes too high for a good hunting day as the going was very deep and it was windy. We hunted from Gypsy Hill south to Salem Church without starting a fox. Hounds gave tongue once but evidently the line was an old one for they could do nothing with it. We moved on to Caples' Woods and at 3:15 in the upper end of this covert Hounds found. They went away with a burst running Northeast nearly to the Washington Road. They made a large circle then pushed him North. Without a moment's check Hounds crossed the Salem Church Road and turned right handed. With terrific drive they ran along a hill-side for about three-quarters of a mile, the field galloping down the dirt road beside them. They crossed in front of us and in the woods on the other side of the road marked him to ground. Up to this point Hounds had been running for thirty-five minutes with out a breathing spell, no wonder the fox ducked in after setting such a pace. The horses stood steaming, literally covered with mud as we watched Hounds gather around the den. We then hunted on in to the Club and Hounds returned to the Kennels at 4:15 P. M.

Friday and Saturday nights of this week found most of the hunting crowd at the 110th. Field Artillery indoor Horse Show. Carrollton entered five or six of their hunters which performed quite well considering that they have had little or no show experience. There were two hunt teams representing the Club, one in pink made up of Mr. H. L. Straus, M. F. H., Wilson Ballard, Hon. Whip, and E. H. McCaffrey. The ladies' teams' consisted of: Miss Mary Rae Groff, Miss Betty Pearre, and Miss Priscilla Fuller.

Henry Moland received great applause when he brought 12 couple of Hounds in the ring assisted by the whipper-in. Both Hounds and horses jumped around the course laid out.

The Garrison Forest School girls, who are among our most enthusiastic members, made a very good showing. They took second in the school teams and placed in many other events. Susie Whitman won the junior hunters on "Louisa" and Kitty Warfield was third on "Kim" in the Working Hunters.

P. F.

RAPPAHANNOCK HUNT

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Woods, past Anderson's Old Mill, to Chappeler Mountain.

On this small mountain Hounds with better scent gained a pace held 15 miles. With most of the field

MIDDLEBURG HUNT

Middleburg,
Loudoun County,
Virginia.
Established 1906.
Recognized 1908.



"Glenwood Course", setting of the Middleburg Hunt's spring meeting, on April 13th, was the meeting place of Hounds last Saturday, Feb. 17th, when some sixty sortied out for the slithering-sport. Some fields were deep, some just greasy on the surface, especially on the North side of hills. Still, on the whole, it was the best day of 1940.

The meet was at one. For two full hours, Hounds drew through adjoining country-side, through the Dudley and Fred places—over by Ball Hill and Pole Cat Hill, with nothing afoot. The air was warmer than the ground.

In due time, however, Hounds got a fox up on Fred land, and straightway he flew in a wide-swinging right-handed circle. He quitted his sunbasking in the broomsedge field and went-away as fast as Betty Babcock's fox who left his cover with the speed of a "shot-gun bridegroom."

With Hounds pressing him hard, this fox made back of "Creekside" and carried to Dillon along Goose Creek before doubling back left-handed and heading for his home pastures. Masters, Staff and followers got generously distributed about the landscape as they tarried long enough to lose. Second Whipper-in Nichols carried Hounds, with whoops, through the final stages, across Remsen Williams back of "Glenwood Course", where some substantial new post-and-rail fences put us to the test.

It was a good burst, not more than fifteen minutes and then Hounds lost. Mr. Sands, M. F. H., called it a day at this juncture, after 2 hours and 20 minutes afield.

So, "With the sports of the field, there's no pleasure can vie", when found, "we follow Hounds in full cry."

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climbing to stay with Hounds, they went away over the top, and down by Wade H. Massie's boyhood home. The fox sped over on Battle Run, shifted left into Tolliver's Wood's, went out and crossed Battle Run, neared the highway but turned back because of car-hunters, recrossed Battle Run, circled back to Chappeler Mountain, and so on.

Kate and Rudy from Hugh L. Bywaters Kennels leading, Hounds killed shortly before sundown near Mr. Massie's old place. Only David D. Miller, William L. Litsey, and Dunnie Eastham were present, of a dwindled field.

With seven miles to return, the horses covered nearly 45 miles and Hounds considerably more. The last Chronicle's editorial is recalled in noting that Mr. Miller, first at the kill, who rides over 200 pounds, gave spontaneous "tongue" to satisfaction in the performance of the half-bred six-year-old, Baby Brother, from his stables.

W. Frank Moffett hunted today, besides Lewis Payne and others not already mentioned.

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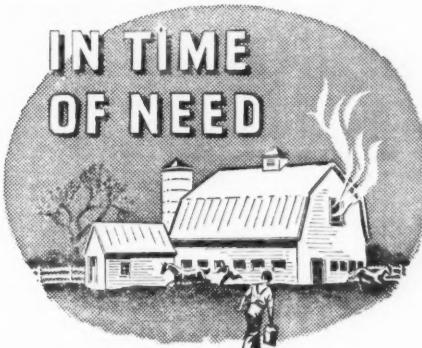
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Editorials

RACING AS A CIVIC TRUST

If Racing Associations are able to make tremendous profits through the Pari-Mutuel System, they will, sooner or later, become the object of political hatred. It is the trend of the times, today, to discourage great profits, to distribute wealth more evenly, to tax so heavily that surpluses become the property of the State. This is not true in Racing at the moment for great profits to individuals from Race Track ownership is a comparatively new phase of Racing, resulting from the Pari-Mutuel.

Politicians soon will ferret out the profit, claim against Racing as a monopoly of wealth in which the poor man is deprived of his money. There will be a revulsion of feeling against all racing, good or bad, and a healthy, splendid sport, may easily face difficult years in which confiscatory taxation, public unpopularity and unfavorable legislation will injure the best interests of the thoroughbred in the United States. There is no question that there are extremely large profits being made out of racing today, and following up these profits, with merciless certainty, will come political action. The public nowadays, is suspicious of large profits. Those who play the horses and lose, will not be long in directing attention to the money that some are making while the public loses often, wins seldom.

To insure the future of racing, to keep it secure in the public favor, Quotation House, Inc., Port Deposit, Maryland, has suggested Non-Profit Racing. In the form of a monograph, the plan states that it would: First, perpetuate racing and assure its longevity. Second, with a generous division of revenue between horsemen, operation, taxation, it would benefit the public and the horsemen. Third, policies, plans and procedures that anticipate the day when racing will be conducted in the spirit of a public, sporting trust is the best way to perpetuate the operation of a high class race track.

At first glance, the plan might seem to verge on the illusory, to follow too closely the political theories of the present day that seek to discourage private initiative by curtailing profit. The larger purses that might be expected through plowing the profits back into larger stakes, better tracks, more awards to owners, trainers, jockeys, nominators, might even encourage the so-called middlemen of racing, who follow racing only to claim horses that for one reason or another must be run in claiming races.

However, the middleman who makes his living benefitting from the errors of judgment of others might find it harder to continue his practise in an atmosphere of a public spirited trust in which the welfare of the horsemen, the track and the public were the first considerations of the Racing Association.

Non-Profit Racing, although it takes profits from track operators, would encourage more breeding, make it possible for horsemen to run more horses through larger profits in better stakes, better tracks. A track run on a non-profit basis, would encourage more people to enjoy racing, who might otherwise be suspicious of huge profits made by track operators. Modest profits by Racing Associations would draw to the track men whose best interests were not in the profits to be secured from milking the track, but men who were concerned above all in the high quality of the racing, in the maintenance of the track as a sporting trust for the benefit of the horsemen and the public. It would insure a better spirit. It would provide a dignity to racing that England possesses, but which America lacks. Most important of all, it would stop for all time, that unfortunate odium which political attacks may bring to racing, once politicians find that large racing association profits can be made a political football, as have so many of our American institutions in the past. Non-Profit Racing would be beating the politician to the punch at a time when racing in America holds the spotlight on the world's stage.

Letters to the Editor

Dogs vs. Cats

Editor "The Chronicle"

In a letter to you dated Feb. 10th the subscriber states that gray foxes are "cats not dogs".

Quoting no lesser authority than Reginald Innes Pocock, F. L. S., F. Z. S., F. R. A. I., F. R. S., Natural History Editor of the Field (English) and assistant in the Zoological Dept of the British Museum since 1923:

"Fox (female Vixen) primarily the popular name for species of the dog-family (Canidae) which by Linnaeus was named Canis Vulpea.

In the North American race (V. V. fulva) for instance there are three main varieties, red, the cross and the silver, the crossfox being intermediate between the other two".

Having been a Master of Fox Hounds for over twenty years and also having hunted for well over forty years, I am convinced that the gray fox belongs to the same species as the red.

It is a mistaken idea that only gray foxes take to trees when Hounds are close to them, time and again I have seen reds do the same when hard pressed by Hounds and no earth was available. In this my good friend and ardent fox-hunter Fletcher Harper will bear me out.

There is as much "kin" between a gray fox and the tabby cat as there is between a Great Dane and a Siamese.

With best wishes,

Sincerely Yours

Courtland H. Smith

Editor's Note: The Chronicle would like to concur with Mr. Smith on red foxes as tree climbers.

On a day with the Blue Ridge this season a red fox ran up a tree, waited until the Hounds were directly beneath him, jumped into the middle of the amazed pack and made good his escape into a neighboring earth.

Gentlemen:

In your list of Virginia Stallions, published recently, I noticed the foaling date of **Forty Winks** was mistakenly given as 1919. **Forty Winks** is a five year old, foaled in 1935, and his first get are now yearlings.

Will you please call attention to your valuable paper to this error and correct it? Assuring you of our appreciation of your continued courtesy and kindness, I am,

Cordially yours,

Charles Griffin Herron,
Heronford and
Retirement Farms,
Dayton, Va.

(Editor's Note: **Forty Winks** is a dark chestnut, foaled in 1935, by *Twink—Alicia W., by St. Leger. At Heronford and Retirement Farms also stand *Jean II, a gray, foaled in 1924, by Or du Rain—La Cotinais, by Chambertin and Oyster Bay, a bay foaled in 1933, by *Teddy—Knight Star, by *Bright Knight. The above error is regrettable and an oversight. The Chronicle is most appreciative of Mr. Herring's correction.)

Little Old "Mag"

February 17th.

Dear Sirs:
The first time I ever saw The

Chronicle was today, down at Pebble Hill Plantation. The little old "mag" hits me between the eyes.

Enclosed is my advertisement which can be cut down some.

If you want to know who I am and what I am, ask Mr. Billy Ziegler, Jr., or Mr. Dan Sands.

Faithfully yours,
R. K. Armstrong,
Fitzgerald, Ga.
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No Comparison

February 20.

Gentlemen:

In regard to your Editorial: "Old Fashioned Bone and Sinew" appearing in Feb. 16th issue of The Chronicle, I have only this to say:

THERE NEVER WAS ANYTHING A HALF-BRED CAN DO THAT A THOROUGHBRED CAN'T DO BETTER.

Naturally, you may go to the track and buy broken down weeds, with broken down constitutions who may have had during their racing career stimulants that are not inclined to make a horse any too placid in the hunting field. But why go back fifty years, like our friend Mackay Smith is doing over in Clarke County, Va., and breed Coach Horses to hunt?

I probably owned the best half-bred hunter out of a Cleveland Bay mare that ever was in this country. He was not only a great show horse, but he won the Warrenton Hunt Cup twice. The way Hounds run today, and considering the type of hunters that good men to Hounds are riding, I think **Ogunquit** would have a right hard time keeping up.

Having ridden probably as many HalfBreds and Thoroughbreds as any man in this country, in the Show Ring, over Timber, in the hunting field and between the flags, I still maintain that there is no comparison between the BLOOD HORSE and a horse with COLD BLOOD in him.

Sincerely yours,
Courtland H. Smith,
Middleburg, Va.

Editor's Note: The Chronicle will always support the thoroughbred but The Chronicle points out that today many Masters of Hounds are riding halfbreds in order to be able to pay more attention to Hounds, less to their horses; that halfbreds are winning the open jumping classes. In other words, Virginia must not overlook the fine halfbred hunters which were being bred here fifty years ago, and still keep her place as a mecca for hunters.

Simpler The Rules

February 15, 1940

Dear Sirs:

You have asked me to give you my views on Point-to-Point races in Virginia, and here they are for what they may be worth to you.

To my mind, the simpler the rules can be kept, as long as the end to maintain the Point-to-Point as a true amateur sport is assured, the better.

The Warrenton Point-to-Point, I feel, is the ideal race. It carries out the basic spirit of Point-to-Points, namely, your horse against my horse, ridden by ourselves, dressed and equipped as we have hunted the past season, proving which horse can get you over natural hunting country in the shortest time. I don't think that weights should come into

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SIMPLER THE RULES

the question except as they do in Warrenton in the form of a heavy weight trophy. My horse may be small and not up to much weight. That doesn't make him any the less a good honest hunter. On the other hand a heavy man would ride a horse up to his weight and at the end of a long hard run, would be there just the same. A Point-to-Point should not be a race between race horses, but between real hunting horses, ridden by real hunting men and women. By the same token, I would hate to see a division of men and women in the races. It is the sport that women can compete on a fairly even footing with men. Why deprive them of that chance? The argument comes up that in a tight place a man will give way to a woman. Personally, I have never noticed that failing, and frankly, don't expect it. In the hunting field the women go as hard as any of the men, and do more than their share to keep up the enthusiasm for this sport. It is unfair to segregate them in Point-to-Points.

Make the races long, and over natural country. One or two turning points, or a single point can be equally interesting to ride. There should be some consideration for the spectators. It is boring to see nothing but a minute or two at the start and finish of the race. There should be no chance to walk the course. The start to be told the night before, the finish or points, at race time.

As you see, I adhere to the Warrenton principle. Maybe I am biased, but the last five or six years have been wonderful sport from the riders' point of view. I might add that the Old Dominion races of a year ago over a semi marked course that could be walked was also fine owing to the care with which the course was chosen.

I hope this is what you want, Chronicle, I feel flattered that you've asked my opinion. I have been away, then sick, and now away again, which accounts for the delay in getting this to you. Don't hesitate to edit away. I am no newspaper writer.

Sincerely,

Mary Cutting
Mrs. George W. Cutting
Box 786, Warrenton, Va.

Simon Pure Plea

Editor The Chronicle
Middleburg, Va.

Dear Sir:

If it is not too late to add another word to this controversy on Point-to-Points which has so enlivened The Chronicle's pages these last weeks, may I put in my plea on behalf of simon-pure gentlemanship and amateurism, which to my mind Point-to-Points should represent. That I happen to be a woman seems to be beside the point—ergo, it goes without saying that riding against men in such events seems no more of a drawback than riding with (or is it against?) them on a fast run with Hounds.

The recent rise of the Point-to-Point in Virginia has spelled to me almost a revival of the days of chivalry—The Phoenix rising from its ashes—when all sporting events were only for fame and honor and the pleasure that comes from the

contest. There are so few sporting events left in this world of ours which are untainted with professionalism, certainly few in which a simple amateur like myself, for instance, could feel confident in entering with a reasonably good mount, and have fun out of it, and not feel a fool for trying. That is as it should be. I was fortunate enough to win laurels as well as fun last year, due to a more than reasonably good mount. But I felt it to be genuine amateur event which did not demand special training for the horse. He was merely hunting fit, and the only concession made to making him racing fit was skipping a last hunt I might otherwise have had on him, to sharpen his keenness and that too, I think, is as it should be.

Perhaps, however, I would not have entered had it not been a race between flags. For, besides not belonging here, I have no eye for country. Yet I feel strongly that it was a race and not a Point-to-Point, the course being in no way my idea of the latter, (I am referring to the 1939 Piedmont "Point-to-Point"). The very name "Point-to-Point" implies finding one's way from one point to another. I think there should be only two or three turning or directional flags at most, leaving possibly a choice of routes, and no fences jumped twice. There should surely be woods and swamps, hills and streams to negotiate, as in natural hunting country, as well as fences to jump. This would put a premium on the rider's sagacity and judgement (and not only on his boldness) as well as on the horse's speed and endurance, making a combination of brains and brawn which sport in the true sense of the word should ever be the test of—plus, in this case, being the test of the good cross-country rider. In the last analysis it is he who is the best hunting rider, and not necessarily he with the fastest horse and the boldest spirit. This sort of test would surely attract many more entrants from the hunting field of the kind who believe that a sense of country and good horsemanship may combine to outwit a better mounted opponent who lacks perhaps, any conception of a cross country campaign—cutting corners, sparing his horse at the right moments etc., etc. With this line of thought follows naturally the conviction that owners only should ride, altho' I feel that special rules could be made for the person who has hunted someone else's horses so consistently as to be spiritually, so to speak, the owner.

The determination of weights is for wiser heads than mine, tho' it seems to me that the heavy rider inevitably has a bigger and more powerful horse to equalize the situation.

All in all I am for encouraging the spirit of the cross country or hunting rider rather than that of the racing rider. So why not let "Point-to-Pointing" remain unrelated to racing (of which there is so much for those who want it) and retain its unique character as a hunting event—a fit test of the rider to Hounds and of his or her horse, as well as a fit and interesting climax to the hunting season.

Lucy Linn

Wartime Necessity

January 23rd.

Dear Sirs:

With reference to your standing order for one copy of Baily's Hunting Directory, we much regret that owing to the outbreak of War, and to the consequent serious curtail-

ment of Hunting meantime, that we have decided to postpone publication of the 1939-40 volume . . .

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By W. Newbold Ely, jr., M.F.H.

"Naw, naw, naw" said the little red fox, "You can't cross me."

In the Chronicle I have noticed that the Frankstown Hunt claims they have part red and part grey foxes and that they're red and grey fox crosses.

I had been told by all well informed fox hunters in my youth that the red and grey never cross. However about ten years ago I heard a few natives in our hunting country claim that they did, in spite of the fact that I had always understood that they belonged to two different genera: —the red fox is of the genus *Vulpes* and the grey fox, the genus *Urocyon*. So a hunting friend of mine went to the Academy of National Sciences whose experts unqualifiedly said that such a cross was a biological impossibility. Therefore if the Frankstown Hunt whose former joint M. F. H.'s Charlie Malloy and Paul Winter are good friends of mine, have any money they want to put up, they should get takers among the scientists.

Possibly this crossing theory originates because some grey foxes have a lot of red on them, in fact my Hounds have killed some which viewed from the side might almost be taken for reds, the grey being only on the top of the head and along the spine and brush; and in many parts of the South they especially favor red sided greys as running better. Then there are some red foxes whose sides are flecked with grey even before old age. Then there is the cross fox (not a cross bred fox) which is a red fox going over to the silver fox. This fox gets its name from the more or less (usually less) distinct cross on his shoulder

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Hounds worked well the entire afternoon, maintaining good pace with ample tongue.

Likewise on Saturday, Capt. W. M. F. Bayliss took out his Fox Hill pack in the Dover country up-river and reported a fine six-mile point before the fox, elusive Red, went to earth.

ESSEX FOX HOUNDS

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Essex Hounds closed their season officially on Thursday, Feb. 22nd, according to Kenneth B. Schley and Anderson Fowler, joint-Masters.

formed by darker hairs on the lighter background. The red and silver fox—and for that matter the black fox, are, of course, of exactly the same species and naturally interbreed. The black fox is merely in between in the red to silver range. Black cubs occur in the wild in red litters and the color variation is due to melanism,—an over abundance of pigment. The adjoining hunt to mine, the Whitemarsh Valley, has a black fox as a scent factory.

Just to make sure on this much debated point, I wrote Trubee Davidson, president of the American Museum of Natural History and have just received this letter from their Mammalogy Department:— "I have never heard of undoubtedly red fox-grey fox hybrids, and did they occur I would suppose some definite specimens would have been secured before this. Few species Hybridize in nature, and while genera occasionally cross in captivity, the red and grey foxes have not been successfully crossed. The differences are really quite as great as between the fox and the domestic dog. It is true that reddish areas are found on the gray fox and, especially when shedding, some gray appears on the red fox. Cross foxes as you suggest, are red foxes as to species, but gray in color. . . . In certain parts of the northwest black and silver foxes occur in fairly large percentage in the wild and interbreed freely with the red variety."

The grey fox has a somewhat different diet than the red, and its behavior when hunted is considerably different as we know, to say nothing of its squirrel like tree climbing ability. In fact, I've seen them tree in straight poplars, for instance, with no branches for 30 ft. from the ground. However, if our Frankstown friends could send one of their specimens to either of the academies, it would be most interesting.

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GREAT BRITAIN NOTES

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England. Some few years ago, however, the Nat Hunt Committee assured the Jockey Club that no new jumping fixture dates would be granted during what is looked upon as the Flat Racing season proper. This year, however, things are different owing to many Nat Hunt meetings having been abandoned through frost and snow. It seems certain, therefore, that after the Grand National (to be run at Aintree as usual) there will be a number of extra N. H. meetings arranged. When the Jockey Club Fixtures Committee has completed its list of meetings for the opening months of the season, the N. H. Committee will be able to consider applications for dates and allocate them as far as possible for days on which there is no flat racing, or so that two meetings on the same day will be so far apart as in no way to interfere with each other. But for the war there would almost certainly have been more chasers and hurdlers in training this season than has ever been known in Great Britain. One explanation of this is that the number of young amateur riders (who graduate in the hunting field) has increased enormously. They were to have had horses in training, but as it is they are otherwise engaged in the R. A. F., or in Yeomanry Regiments (largely composed of hunting men). Several of the latter are still mounted units though most of the famous regular cavalry regiments are now mechanized—a change which caused much heart-burning and which many imagine will be found to have been unwise, though cavalry would have been of no service in the stationary warfare which has up to now been the order. Happily the cavalry regiments are still keeping their polo teams going and are as keen on steeplechasing as ever their officers were in the palmy days of Hussars, Dragoons and Lancers.

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CONDITIONS OUTLINED FOR PIEDMONT POINT TO POINT

Advice has just come from Paul Mellon, that The Ladies' and The Rokey Bowl, (175 Pound) Races at the Piedmont and Neighboring Hunts Point-to-Point to be held Saturday, March 30, will be open to any riders who are regular followers of a recognized pack of Hounds. The other race will have "Owners to Ride" conditions, The Heavyweight (200 Pounds).

Horses to qualify as runners in the Piedmont meeting will be those "primarily kept for hunting purposes, who have been regularly and fairly hunted during the current season by the owner or member of the immediate family and who have not run under Rules of the N. S. & H. A. or the Jockey Club within the previous two years, according to Jack Skinner, Secy.

In the Piedmont meeting last year the Ladies' Race, had "riders acceptable to the Committee" while the Lightweight Race was for owners-up.

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**TWENTY NOMINATIONS
MADE IN CROATAN 'CHASE**

The Croatan Steeplechase, to be run at Sandhills Steeplechase Meeting, on the Barbour Estate Course, Saturday, March 16, has twenty subscriptions taken out in the names of twelve owners. This information has been forwarded from the National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn., and from Racing Secretary Richard Wal-lach.

The Croatan will be about two miles over brush for Non-Winners. Subscriptions closed on Feb. 1st, and declarations must be made by Friday, March 1st.

The following are nominations for The Croatan Steeplechase:

**NOMINATIONS FOR CROATAN
STEEPLECHASE**

Owner	Horse
L. W. Robinson, Jr.'s	Parma
Clyde Taylor's	Revelish
Mrs. Geo. Watts Hill's	Sir Koster
S. A. W. Baltazzi's	Planter's Punch
J. H. Whitney's	Sweetie Pie
J. H. Whitney's	Button Button
Montpelier's	Matey
G. H. Bostwick's	King John II
G. H. Bostwick's	West Haddon
Mrs. L. E. Stoddard, Jr.'s	Star Bramble
Mrs. L. E. Stoddard, Jr.'s	Danny Byrne
F. Ambrose Clark's	Fay Cottage
F. Ambrose Clark's	Homer Wood
F. Ambrose Clark's	Balalaika
J. E. Ryan's	Frozen North
R. K. Mellon's	Bulveta
R. K. Mellon's	Different II
R. K. Mellon's	Light Hearted
Paul Mellon's	Rustic Romance
Paul Mellon's	Enterprise

TURF AND STUD

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season? **Kayak II** was racing at Bowie in the latter part of November. What is the effect of a sharp change in climate on horses? Can horses go from a rainy autumn on the eastern seaboard to warmth and sunlight, and remain at the apex of their form? Is the reverse true?

Many years ago, the late Sam Hildreth used to bring a string of horses from California to the eastern tracks every spring. He did not expect quick results, but by midsummer, the other trainers used to lament, "you couldn't get near him."

On the other hand Irish horses are always expected to improve when going to be trained in the drier climate of England. Irish trainers reckon that the English horses sent over for the purpose will win the big Irish stakes unless the Irish horses are at least fourteen pounds better.

To offset this belief, there are cases pointing the other way. J. O. Keene and his brother once took a good string of Kentucky horses to race in California. It was something like six months before they won a race of any kind.

Are there any reliable rules as to climate to guide owners and trainers?

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SUN MEADOW himself won 10 races and \$37,551 including the Sanford Stakes, the Grab Bag, Campfire, Ballot, Mt. Washington, Pimlico Spring and Jennings Handicaps.

SUN MEADOW was second in the Belmont, Lawrence Realization, Kenner Stakes, the Metropolitan, and Dixie Handicaps; third in the Saratoga Special, Travers, Mid-summer Derby, and Suburban Handicap.

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BY NELSON DUNSTAN

Neville Dunn, sports editor of the Lexington (Kentucky) Herald, recently stated that Blue Grass breeders would not find much to be elated over in the fact that Willis Sharpe Kilmer, Bernard B. Jones and Arthur B. Hancock were one, two, three on the "Leading Breeders of 1939" list—the first two named being part and parcel of Virginia production, and A. B. Hancock conducting Ellerslie Stud in Virginia along with his famed Claiborne Stud in Kentucky. Omitting sectional elation, though the pride of Virginians can undoubtedly be understood by Kentuckians, it appears to us that the significant angle of the breeder's list is that it is proof in itself that Virginia has within her borders the stallions and mares capable of producing racers which can compete with those produced in any other section.

Breeding is admittedly a "conjectural science" and yet, with all that, the fact that Willis Sharpe Kilmer led the list and has been high on the lists of previous seasons, is more the result of his careful planning season after season, regardless of conjecture, and that smaller breeders in Virginia might do well to study the patterns with Sun Beau, *Gino and Neddie in the top line for mares in their possession. It was something of a surprise this past season when Jock led the "leading sires of two year olds" with 16 winners and *Gino was fourth with 12 (out of 12 starters) but no surprise when *Sun Briar was right up there with 11. But, getting back to Jock, he is a son of Colin—Kathleen by Sempronius, and is standing at a farm in Georgetown, Kentucky. There, however, is the very point we referred to about Virginia breeders having the essential blood within the borders of their own State. For, at Court Manor stands Neddie, the best son of Colin now in stud. Neddie is a black stallion foaled in 1926, and is out of Black Flag by imported Light Brigade; second dam, Misplay by Fair Play, and third dam, Miss Hanover by Hanover. There, close up, is a concentration of Domino, Fair Play and Hanover—speed on top with the stout Fair Play and Hanover bloods through the second dam. In his first six crops, Neddie had 53 registered foals. Of those, 43 started and 32 won, and included even such fine performers as Neday, Good Goods, Black Gift, Ned Leigh, Trailor and others too numerous to mention. Those seeking the Domino blood through the undefeated Colin, have it in this 14 year old stallion at Virginia's leading nursery.

Three more attractive young stallions than Sun Beau, *Gino, and Neddie standing at one farm, regardless of location, would be hard to find. Though Granville, *Quatre Bras II, Trace Call and a few other stallions moved to new pastures during 1939, the Virginia contingent has about every line of fashion represented by stallions which have proved their worth, and are annually contributing youngsters capable of holding their own, in the higher circles of racing competition. Such unflag-

White Marsh Opens Phila. Meetings

The White Marsh Valley Hunt Club will open the Pennsylvania Hunt-Racing season with its 29th Annual Spring Meeting, to be held over the Lothian, Willow Lake and Pleasant Run Farms at Broad Axe, Pa., on Saturday, May 4th. Four races will compose the card, namely the Whitmarsh Invitation Cup Point-to-Point at three miles and a half, the Skippack Plate three mile timber race for horses that have not won more than one race across country, the Broad Axe Plate at one mile on the flat and the Harston Cup Steeplechase at three miles and a half over timber.

White Marsh will be followed by The Radnor Hunt Races on May 8th and 11th. Five races will be on the Radnor Card each day, two on the flat, two over brush and one over timber. The big feature of the Radnor Meeting will be the National Hunt Cup two miles and a half brush race. This event was started in 1909 by the Eastern Horse Club of Brookline, Mass., for a trophy given by the Recognized Hunts of America. The cup was won by Mrs. Marion duPont Scott's internationally known Battleship in 1933 and 1934 and she gained permanent possession of the cup by these two victories. The discontinuance of racing at Brookline in 1935 seemed to spell doom for this great steeplechase fixture. Due to the initiative of Mr. William C. Hunneman Jr., chairman of the Radnor Hunt Race Committee, the race was revived last year at the Radnor Hunt Races, the Recognized Hunt of America putting up a new cup. A remarkably fine race resulted with Mr. Emile Pfizer's Farndale, later acclaimed the champion steeplechaser of the year, the winner. Other important races on the Radnor card are the Radnor Hunt Cup four mile timber race, the Gardner Cassatt two mile and a half brush race and the Fairy Hill Plate one mile and a half flat event.

Rose Tree will end the Philadelphia racing season on May 15th and 18th. The Rose Tree card each day will consist of three flat races, one over brush and one over timber. The features of the first day's card will be the Corinthian Plate two mile steeplechase and the Glen Riddle one mile and a quarter flat race. The Saturday program will feature the Rose Tree Plate two mile and a half steeplechase, the Gloucester Fox Hunters Plate three mile and a half timber race for the "Langston Cup".

"BETWEEN THE FLAGS", NO MAIDEN ALLOWANCE

Along with the interest in Point-to-Point racing of the "Old Fashioned" denomination, comes the question of whether a hunter winning such a race "between the flags" loses a maiden allowance from the National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn. The rules read: "a steeplechase horse loses his maiden ranking if he wins a race 'between the flags'." In consequence, all winners (i. e. Mrs. Howard Linn's Verquin; Harry W. Smith's late Sobersides and The Chronicle's Easy Mark) of the Piedmont and Neighboring Hunts Point-to-Point of 1939, lost their maiden ranking, as did Middleburg winners (i. e. Mrs. Turner Wilshire's Black Sweep and Kingsland and Duncan Read's Clifton's Gem). This is an old rule and has been overlooked and forgotten by many. Such unflag-

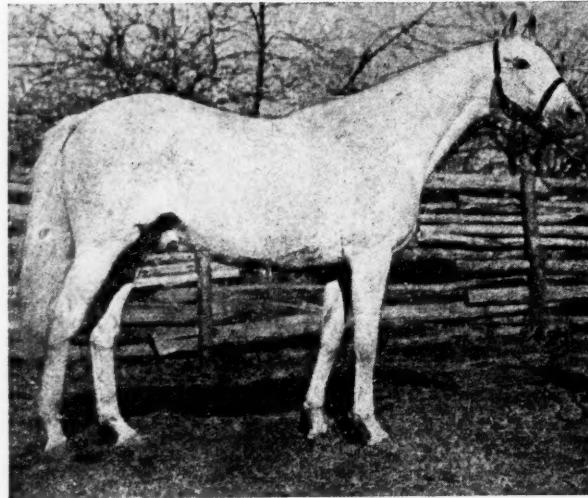
ged Point-to-Point races as the Warrenton event have no bearing on the winner getting out of a maiden class. The "Ideal Point-to-Point Course" as represented in The Chronicle of this issue, though only having a few flagged jumps, is also in the category of "between the flags" racing and winners will lose maiden classification by the N. S. & H. A. It is obvious that there should be a change of the N. S. & H. A. rules, that hunters running in hunter races should not be penalized in the event that

they are later run in races sanctioned by this association. "Old Fashioned Point-to-Points" are not now sanctioned by the N. S. & H. A.

Border Warrant.

Bobby Bliss of Long Island, who won one of the Meadow Brook Point-to-Points on Mrs. Norman K. Toerge's Not So has his Border Warrant stabling with Mrs. D. N. Lee, in Middleburg. Bobby hopes that conditions of Middleburg, Piedmont and Warrenton Point-to-Points will enable him to ride this season.

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EARLY DAWN, winner seven races at two and four, including Hialeah Park Handicap, Bigrade Claiming Handicap, third in Paumonok, Narragansett Spring Handicap.

EARLY MORNING, winner 12 races in 23 starts this year, 5 times second and twice third, finishing unplaced on only four occasions.

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is proved by his daughter **Gala Gown**, winner of the two year old class at Devon last year and as **Tournament II** sent seven winners of 26 races to the tracks last year his offspring are not lacking in speed. ***Golden Volt**, a sturdy, short legged son of ***Volta** has won "Suitable To Get Hunter" classes in the show ring and the young South American horse, ***Maraton**, a well grown, rangy fellow, will also make his headquarters at Bedminster when his racing career is definitely called off.

Down towards Princeton, Mrs. D. V. Kellogg offers ***St. Elmo II**, the only son of **Pharos** in the United States. This horse, which came from England via Jamaica is as dainty as Dresden china. Grey, which he inherits through his dam's sire, **Izard II**, he holds great possibilities as a sire in this country.

Case Ace, speedy son of ***Teddy**—**Sweetheart** by **Ultimus** has set up shop at Joseph M. Roebling's Harmony Hollow Farm near Princeton. This winner of the Arlington Futurity and Illinois Derby holds the five furlong track record at Arlington and, if there is anything in inheritance through a proved individual, should send winners to the races when he has had time to do so. He's a well balanced bay who, like a lot of his kin, is so neatly put together that he looks much smaller from a distance than he does when standing side of him.

Sire of the Greenwich Cup winner at the Garden, **Court Ways**, and the useful steeplechaser **Court Time**, Mark M. Jones' **Fair Play** stallion **Court Day** has proved that he can get good looking horses that can gallop and jump. He's a nice, big individual, typical of his ancestry except that his disposition seems kindly.

The new Monmouth track will be well supplied with local horses for within a short distance of Red Bank are six stallions that would have to be respected in any state in the Union. A visit to W. H. Laboyteaux's Hop Creek Farm, where three of them are quartered, is like a trip to one of the big breeding establishments of the South for there, distributed about in big, roomy, red barns, are besides the stallions, some twenty well bred mares, and a goodly number of husky, happy looking yearlings. Most of the yearlings at Hop Creek at present are by **Caruso**, the powerfully built, sleepy, big, bay, blazed faced son of ***Polymelian**, whose offspring, including the stake winner **Pagliacci**, won \$37,202 in 1939. **Caruso** was a good race horse in his own right, having beaten **Gallant Fox** at even weights, but when it comes to records he has to bow to his stablemate **Jack High** for this horse once held the world's record for a mile in 1.35, was only out of the money once in thirty-four starts and beat such horses as **Equipoise**, **Mate**, **Sorti**, and **Sun Beau**. There have been fifty-one winners in his five crops of foals to date and among them have been such horses as **Andy K.**, **High Fleet** and **Highscope**. **Jack High** is a son of **John P. Grier**, and is a brilliant chestnut with

SANDHILLS OPENS SEASON FOR HUNT MEET RACING

The Hunt Meeting season of 1940 will get underway on March 16 with Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Assn., holding its races on Saturday, March 16. In the subsequent weeks, the calendar reads: Aiken Mile Track Assn., March 23; The Carolina Cup, March 30, Deep Run Hunt Club, April 6; Middleburg Hunt Race Assn., April 13; My Lady's Manor April 13; Grand National Point-to-Point, April 20 and the Maryland on April 27.

Considerable interest has been

shown in the Maiden Subscription Steeplechase Stakes, being put on at Sandhills, Aiken and possibly two other meetings. It has not yet been announced whether such 2 mile over brush Subscription Stakes will be run at The Carolina Cup Deep Run and Middleburg fixtures, though there has been word of these Committees giving consideration to such events.

The May calendar commences with the Virginia Gold and the Whittemarsh Valley Hunt Cup on May 4. Radnor Hunt's races will be held on May 8 and 11; Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club's races will be on the 15 and 16.

a white star, full of attractive personality. Although only 15.3 he is an unusually big little horse for his height comes from a short, clean cannon bone and his body is one of scope and power with plenty of quality besides. The young black **Valevictorian** makes up Hop Creek's trio but although he is the sire of several yearlings he is too young as yet to have sent winners to the tracks.

At Amory Haskell's Woodland Farm are **Cocked Hat** and **Knave High**. The former has proved that good race horses can be bred and raised in Red Bank by sending out **Opera Hat** who races in the Haskell's colors against the very best of company and brings back his share of the laurels. This good colt's best season was in 1938 when he won two of his five starts and was only unplaced once. Among his other good races that year he was third to **Fighting Fox** and **Can't Wait** in the Wood Memorial. **Knave High**, a son of **Jack High** and the third of the New Jersey dynasty of **John P. Grier** has yet to prove himself in the stud, but he probably will live up to his sire and grandsons.

In Red Bank, too, is **Catalan**, who stands at W. W. Vaughan's Oak Glen Farm. **Catalan's Lad** and **Catalan's Blue** are examples of horses that this son of **Fair Play** out of the good producer ***Catalpa** has sent to the show ring and last year his sons and daughters won twenty-one races. **Catalan** was a good race horse in his own right, too, having accounted for over \$50,000.

New Jersey isn't Kentucky, certainly, nor Maryland nor Virginia, but until they are actually summed up it is difficult to realize that in a state so far in the north stand a number of stallions of exceptional breeding and class and that the interest in producing superlative Thoroughbred horses, although necessarily limited, is active and thoroughly successful.

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Bay, 1915

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	Sierra	Springfield (Wenlock)
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Presentation	Orion	Ayrshire)

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NEDDIE
Black, 1926

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	*Pastorella	Springfield (Strathconan)
Black Flag	*Light Brigade	Picton (Singlass)
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***GINO**
Grey, 1930

Tetratema	The Tetrarch	Roi Herode (Bona Vista)
	Scotch Gift	Symington (Tar Porley)
Teresina	Tracery	*Rock Sand (Orme)
	Blue Tit	Wildflower (Eager)

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SUN BEAU
Bay, 1925

*Sun Briar	Sundridge	Amphion (Springfield)
	*Sw. Briar II	St. Frusquin (Orion)
Beautiful Lady	Fair Play	Hastings (Bend Or)
	Mileage	*Rock Sand (Rayon D'Or)

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In The Country:-



Middleburg's "Glenwood" Meet

A field of sixty moved off with Middleburg Hounds last Saturday from "Glenwood Course." Jack Skinner was out on *Dothair*, ex-chaser; Louis Murdock on his *Lion's Dan*, by *Dan IV*; Mrs. Amory Perkins on her *Moon Blaze*; Jim Skinner, Harry W. Smith on his *Espino* hunter; Louis Duffey on Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse's, 'chaser possibility, *Five Stars*, by *Our General*; Anne Leith, the Turner Wiltshires, he on *Kingsland*, Middleburg Heavy-weight Point-to-Point winner; June Hanes with 16 Foxcrofters, Terese Shook, Laura Sprague, on her point-to-point hunter; Dion Kerr on a good heavyweight sort of Henry Frost's, he on Mrs. Rigan McKinney's *Ibn B. Pat*; the Crompton Smiths, he on his *Mowgli*, in trim for Point-to-Points, she on the *Romantell* chestnut, *Ruanplay*; Willett Leache, Mrs. Charles Sabin, Eleanor Keith on her English *Merrimouth*; Whitelaw Reid, Jr., an addition to the Gentleman-Owner-Up Riders this season, on Henry Frost's *Dude Danny*; Mrs. Newell J. Ward, Jr., on a spanking bay thoroughbred; Miss Nanny Fred, E. Roberts, Steeplechase Jockey; Mrs. Oliver Iselin and her son Ollie Jr., who really goes well; James McCormick, and others.

Brann, of *Challenger fame, Bride.

The A. P. wires hummed Tuesday with the elopement of M. Elizabeth Brann, daughter of the William L. Branns, of "Glade Valley Farm," Frederick, Md. Mr. Brann, who has known the fleet performances of *Challenger II's youngsters (i. e. *Challedon*, *Victory Morn* and others) had yet to know sprinting speed over a distance, as demonstrated by his daughter, when she took off with her bridegroom, Jacob L. Webb, son of the William Seward Webbs, of New York, Bar Harbor and Palm Beach. Young Webb is a great-great-grandson of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, the original Vanderbilt. The elopers took to the air for Nassau in a borrowed plane of the George Vanderbilts'.

Mexico—Yucatan—Cuba.

The William Langleys, but a week off their speedy form of 2 hrs. 55 min. for the 610 miles from Sea Island Ga., to Middleburg, departed, as visibility allowed, through the early morning mists of Orange County, to land in New Orleans, Wednesday. Thence it is to Mexico and Yucatan and Cuba.

The Tavern in The Town That Jack Builds.

Jack Vietor, who has been wintering in Florida, returned last week to Washington, and whisked to Middleburg to witness the advance that workers have made in the renovation of the "Red Fox Tavern." Under the watchful eye of William Stevenson,

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who with Jack and George Garrett is jointly-interested in the restoration, the "Tavern" has been undergoing many changes with Billy Dew, Architect on the job. There's to be 15 bedrooms and 10 bathrooms that can be used separately or ensuite. Downstairs, there's to be a dining-room and tap-room. Club or private dining rooms will be found on the second floor, where once Gen. Jeb Stuart led a "Virginia Reel."

Stevensons.

Mrs. William Stevenson is over at "The Homestead," in Hot Springs. William Stevenson busies himself with the development of "The Red Fox Tavern." Billy Stevenson, at The Fay School, Southboro, Mass., preparatory School for St. Marks, won the prize for "the best informed boy in the school."

By a Sire, Out of a Sire, Some Sire!

*Lancegaye, who made his season last year at "Montpelier," and who has been erroneously publicized this season as being out of *Flying Spear*, she by *Spearmint* out of *Sir Gallahad III, is to make his 1940 season, and his first public season, with none other than the genial sage himself. Dr. Robert L. Humphrey, of Mountville. *Lancegaye had a splendid racing record. In the English Derby of his year, he was left at the post, going on his nose, but he recovered to run second to *Coronac*. *Lancegaye, by *Swynford*, *Flying Spear*, by *Spearmint*—*Gallop Along*, offers Northern Virginia and Maryland Breeders a great blood line, similar to *Challenger II, he by *Swynford*—*Sword Play* and back to *Gallinule*. *Lancegaye has had little opportunity. Still he got *Cavalcade* from *Hastily—*Hurry On*, the best of the lot in 1934. *Lancegaye has had but 16 colts in 1935, 1936 and 1937. Dr. Bob will stand him at \$300 for a live foal.

John A. Hinckley Passes.

On board S. S. *Borinquen*, bound for Puerto Rico, John A. Hinckley, of "Kilkenny Farm" Orlean, Va., died suddenly on Friday, Feb. 16. Funeral Services will be held in St. James Church, Warrenton, Va., at three o'clock on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Jack, a keen foxhunter, Honorary Whipper-in of Old Dominion Hounds, was an ardent sportsman and lived life to its fullest. He is survived by his wife, one of the best aside ladies to Hounds in the country, and his son John Hinckley, Jr., a student at Stuyvesant School, Warrenton.

Virginia Garden Week.

The Garden Club of Virginia has announced the completion of its list of historic homes and gardens in the Old Dominion that will be shown to the public April 22 through April 27.

The Maryland

The 47th Annual Maryland Hunt Cup has been announced for Sat. April 27, according to the Committee: Charles B. Reeves, W. Wallace Lanahan, Stuart S. Janney Jr., Frank A. Bonsal, Jr., Redmond C. Stewart, Jr., J. Rieman McIntosh, J. W. Y. Martin, S. Bryce Wing and John K. Shaw, Jr., M. F. H.

Distance Racing

In belief that a series of long distance races should help the Washington Park Jockey Club Race Meeting, outside of Chicago, Ill., the Committee has chosen to Handicap events. These races will be run on each Wednesday of the Meeting, in July and August. They will be 1 1/2 miles, Purse \$1,500; 2 1/4 miles, Purse \$2,000; 2 3/4 miles, Purse \$2,500; 3 3/8 miles, Purse \$3,000 and 4 miles, Purse \$4,500. These may be useful races for timber and long-distance brush horses. There's to be \$400,000 in purse distribution, almost double the amount of last year, according to Chairman Benjamin F. Lindheimer, whose hopes for Washington Park are that it will become: "the bulwark of American racing."

Comings and Goings

Comings and goings include Mrs. James Dean and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Parkinson, and Mrs. Charles Bird from Boston to New York. The

Roland Harrimans and the Richard Gambrills from New York and vicinity to Aiken. Mrs. Ogden K. Meyers from Darien to Nassau via Florida. The general trend, is reasonably Southward.

14-15 Coveys a Day.

Shooting has been good in Georgia, at Gilleonville, near Albany. The hurricane just missed the Chris Dumphrys, Mrs. Eva Stewart Spillman, the George Ryans and others. The latter arrived via private plane. It is reported that between 14 and 15 coveys have been found each day, and limits have been shot.

Nordix Again

Mrs. E. Kenneth Jenkins, who has been recovering from several fractured vertebrae in the Emergency Hospital, came home again to her "Nordix Farm," Warrenton, on Sunday.

In The City of New Orleans.

From all points North they came, by the hundreds, to escape Winter's icy fingers. But alas, "turn ever Northward" will be the cry now. New Orleans' warm climes abruptly about faced and descended to a shocking 30 degrees, without even any snow to comfort one. So it was with shivering hands that thousands of spectators eagerly clutched for the trinkets thrown from passing floats.—The street parades of New Orleans' famed Mardi Gras, plus the ever glittering and spectacular balls, and the climax of the current "debs" social season drew many attractive out-of-towners there recently. Among them were: Col. and Mrs. Robert Guggenheim, of Washington, D. C., who went from Florida waters

via the Firenze. Debutantes Shirley Noyes, of Montclair, N. J., who owns the good mare *Wonder Lady*; Carolyn Brown, of San Antonio, Tex., a golfer of no little talent, Nancy Powers, of New Canaan, Conn. and Helen Hodgson, also of N. J., Howard Butz and Malvern Bell, both of Keswick, Va., came a bit too early for the Carnival, but enjoyed a few days breather, 'twixt Florida and Mexico, before motoring on. From Charlottesville, Va., went Mrs. John (Polly) McGavock, and daughter Shirley, who enjoyed the *Vieux Carré* as well as "the Balls."

Back to Woodstock

Following his gathering of much material for a contemplated hunting-scene portrait, Edward L. "Ned" Chase has returned to his home in Woodstock, N. Y. "Ned" intends to return to Virginia for some of the racing and Point-to-Points, and then to go west to do two commissions.

Horses and Sleighs

The St. Valentine's Day blizzard sent Boston back to pre-automobile days. Every horse who had ever worn harness was requisitioned to pull the pungs and sleighs that were brought out of storage to pinch hit for the delivery automobiles that bogged down all over the place. Many equine snickers were heard as car owners paid exorbitant prices to be unstuck and towed to places where they wouldn't be arrested for parking and residents of Beacon Hill and the Back Bay had to carry Alpine equipment to surmount the drifts thrown up by the snow plows on one side and the side walk cleaners on the other.

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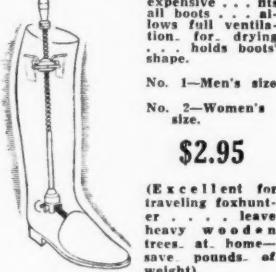


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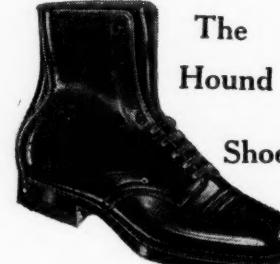
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In The Country

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Horsemen—Dog Fanciers

Boston's horsemen and horsewomen turned out to help the Eastern Dog Show that was held in old Mechanics Building on Huntington Avenue February 18th., 19th. Among the stewards were Herbert B. (Scampy) Shaw, owner of the great hunter **Mallow**, Clement Burnhome, G. Kimball Clement, Malcolm B. Stone, who has just leased the services of the good stallion **Boatswain**, by **Man O'War**—**Baton**, to stand at his farm in Readville; Endicott Saltonstall, George Keyes and Gerald D. Boardman. Also helping in the ring management were Beagler Joe Child, Dick Daniels, ex-M. F. H. The Sportsman and the Groton Hounds and now editing "The Atlantic" and Macy Willets of Cassillis Farms, Cockerers and Hackney ponies. Jim Farrell was judging and so were William Prescott Wollcott and John J. Barnes but Mrs. A. J. Moffit couldn't pass on the qualities of the cockers having to resign at the last minute because of illness.

Judging Comes High

William H. Hallan, Assist-Secy.-of the American Horse Shows Assn., Inc., has written to Courtland H. Smith, of Middleburg, that if he wishes to obtain an A. H. S. A. badge with all the bars and trimmings he is entitled to, that it will cost him \$28.25. His Honor The Mayor of Middleburg is entitled to act as a Senior Judge on Hunters, Jumpers, Saddle Horses, Harness Horses, Military, Equitation, Polo, Draft, Stock and Breeding. A Judge must pay \$5 to enroll and get badge proper. Then he must pay \$2.25 for each divisional bar, and County can get one for each of the above.

Fontaine Visits Okapi, High Quest

Hugh Fontaine, he who guides the destinies of Mrs. Dodge Sloane's Brookmeade platters, took a trip to Lexington last week to make arrangements for the mating of several of his mares out there, also to visit two of Brookmeade's sires, **Okapi**, who is making his 1940 season at Ira Dryman's Farm, and **High Quest**, now standing at Almarst Farm.

Milwaukee in Virginia

Mrs. Orton Prime, of Milwaukee and Mill Creek Hunts, of Wis. and Ill., has a hunter with the William Emorys, Warrenton, and a house in Georgetown, Washington. She hopes like the rest of us, for a day or two before the season closes this March.

Carved Italian DINING SUITE Now On Display

This dining room suite which is offered for sale is made of English Ash, which has a relative weight greater than oak and almost equal to mahogany.

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This thoroughly perspicuous invitation closes with: "Send checks P. D. Q. to Miss Betsy Philler, Ardmore, Pa."

Mrs. Hubbard Back

Mrs. Merill Hubbard, who preferred the Florida chill to Virginia's no-hunting dullities for the past two months, returned to Middleburg on Tuesday, taking up her abode once again in "Stray Shot". The S. Prentiss Porters, who had the cottage in her absence and are determined to get some Virginia hunting, have moved to Anne Kenyon's "The Everett" over Old Dominion way with "Pete" making frequent trips to business in Chicago.

Gilpins To Boca Grande

The Kenneth N. Gilpin's, he of Kentmere—"Teddy" fame, have departed the manorial halls of "Scaleby" and gone a-junketing to that fickle peninsula, land of sunshine and hurricane, to while away the balance of the wintry season at Boca Grande, where also is Mrs. James Clark, owner of **Itsaboy**, Ayland, Little Cottage 2nd.

Court Manor

Down in the Shenandoah Valley, near New Market, as a blizzard blew up on Sunday, The Chronicle had the pleasure of seeing those superb stallions of Court Manor Stud, owned by Willis Sharpe Kilmer. The great *Sun Briar never looked better, fit hard, but round, the colored stud groom Mike has him in magnificent shape. At 24 he seems well destined to carry on for many a year, producing as he has, brood mares and great racing progeny, so that today he has stamped himself as one of the great living progenitors of one of the mightiest blood lines. **Sun Beau**, *Gino and **Neddie** are likewise fitting subjects for those who would wish to dwell upon superb thoroughbred stallions. Walter Jauncey and genial obliging Stanley Shackleford greeted The Chronicle and after the latter had shown us the ladies, most recent additions to the great Court, he, in his enthusiasm and hospitality, was last seen making a two-minute-clip down a snow covered lane to open a gate for our departure. There we saw a sparkling five week old chestnut filly by *Gino—**Sun Dancer**, (she bred back to **Neddie**). Others included a **Dark Goddess** filly, bay by **Neddie** (the mare back to *Sun Briar); **Dark Love**'s chestnut colt, by *Gino (she back to **Sun Beau** for another **Sun Lover**); a bay or brown filly by **Neddie** out of **Sun Celerina** (she back to *Gino); a chestnut filly by *Gino—**American Air** (this American Flag dam back to **Sun Beau**); a black colt, typical of his daddie **Neddie**, out of **Sun Love** (this dam of **Dark Love** goes back to *Gino); and a beautiful bay colt with the mighty heritage of *Sun Briar out of **Galamar** (this *Sir Galahad III dam goes back to **Sun Beau**).

Grand National Meeting

The Committee for the "Little" Grand National Point-to-Point, to be held on April 20th., met last week and discussed the feasibility of carding a hunter race. Frank A. Bonsal, John K. Shaw, Jr., M. F. H. Latimer S. Stewart, Louis McL. Merriman, W. Delmar Akehurst, Benjamin H. Griswold III, James McHenry, George G. Carey, Jr., David McIntosh III and Fife Symington, are on this Committee. Conditions will be found elsewhere in this paper.

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Camden and Mr. Kirkover

Camden reports more horses in training at the Springdale course this season than ever before during the past eleven years of the Carolina Cup. Harry D. Kirkover, Chairman of the Committee, is enthusiastic over the prospects for the six race card, featuring the eleventh running of the timber test for the Carolina Cup on March 30. According to the latest report, there are 110 horses stabled at Springdale, 46 at the Scott stables and altogether some 216 in and about Camden. The James Kempers, he M. F. H. Mission Valley Hunt, are at the Kirkwood, having brought three horses from Kansas City. Carlton T. Palmer brought four from New York last week; the William B. Ruthrauff, whose horses have been in Camden for several weeks, have taken their cottage at the Kirkwood grounds. They have seven horses in training. The R. Watson Pomeroy, down from Millbrook, are in the Lindsay Home on Broad Street; Bliss Flacous, of Tucson, Arizona, and his sister Jane Flacous, of Pittsburgh, have their horses in the Baker stables on Broad Street.

New York New Jersey Pari-Mutuels

Supporters of New Jersey's pari-mutuel racing bill gleefully anticipate "early and favorable action" from the senate on the measure limiting the state to four tracks. The bill was passed by the assembly on February 20 by a vote of 32 to 26. Providing for four unsalaried racing commissioners, each with a six year term, the bill also stipulates that all races must carry a minimum \$1,000 purse, limits the number of tracks to four, with meetings between April and November and bars Sunday racing. With Governor Harry A. Moore apparently ready to sign it, the adoption of the Haneman turf regulatory bill by the New Jersey senate is regarded as a certainty. New York's pari-mutuel supporters are also marking time while the legislation effectuating a constitutional amendment legalizing pari-mutuel betting in New York State awaits a public hearing slated for next Monday, February 26, in Albany.

Preparatory Trot

Off for California Friday from a siding at Boyce, Virginia went a Freight car resembling somewhat a modern Noah's Ark. Within its bulging sides as the engine tooted its last farewell to Virginia were a descendant of **Man O'War** in the shape of a grey stallion, **Hero Worship**, a race horse familiarly known as **Enthusiasm**, two piebald colts, a piebald brood mare, a polo pony, a thoroughbred hunter called **Winter Rose** by **Valorous** out of **Rose Dun-**

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There were nine horses in all, there were seven dogs, an automobile, a donkey by the name of Tuffy, furniture to equip a ranchhouse, there were 25 turkeys, fifty chickens. One man, Snap, wedged himself in as the car rumbled away and settled himself with his menagerie. The reason, Mrs. "Liz" Whitney, temporarily warming her toes in Florida, was preparing to leave for four months in California.

Mike Maestro on Tour

George H. Poehlman, who is the man behind the mike at most Virginia-D. C.-Maryland Shows, was off to Hampton, for Horse Show meetings there, on Wednesday, from there to Camden for the Virginians' Show, thence to Charlotte, to arrange for the first Charlotte, N. C., Show and then on to Winston Salem, to see about details for the Second Annual Winston Salem Show.

CASUALTY LIST



Mill Creek M. F. H. Down

S. Prentiss Porter, M. F. H. of Mill Creek, out with Warrenton, jumping a small fence, with a drop, back off the Randolph Duffey's "Pickett Mtn. Farm", took a "pearler," when his hunter hit a stone on landing last Sat. Feb. 17. Petey had his breath knocked-out, and lay there some minutes. William H. Emory, like the horseman he is, went straight to catch the loose horse, and then had regard for the rider.

Can't Write Longhand

Ernest R. Gee has his good right hand in bandages due to the inadvertent closing of an automobile door. But Mr. Gee is active as usual provided he's not asked to write about it in longhand.

Bashes His Hat

Crompton Smith took a sudden header when his **Mowgli** stepped in an eight inch round hole two feet deep, as Hounds drew along with Middleburg Saturday. Crompton's hat was bashed.

COQ D'ESPRIT



COQ D'ESPRIT, grey, 1934, by *COQ GAULOIS—DULCY, by *LIGHT BRIGADE, is a magnificent individual, standing 16.3, measures 79 inches around the girth, 9 1/2" below the knee and weighs 1,450 pounds. Combining, as he does, the jumping qualities of *COQ GAULOIS and *LIGHT BRIGADE, and being a brilliant jumper himself, he should prove a most outstanding sire of jumpers.

COQ D'ESPRIT'S half-brother MAETAL, won Inaugural Handicap at Hialeah, Jan. 10, 1940.

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Closes Season



Jackson H. Boyd, who with James Boyd is joint-Master of Moore County Hounds, brings the present season's sport to a close on March 1st. With kennels located at Southern Pines, N. C., Moore County Hounds, largely Crossbreds, have fulfilled one foxhunting fixture and two drag fixtures a week with occasional bye days since last November.

Chagrin Valley Hounds, Staff and Followers

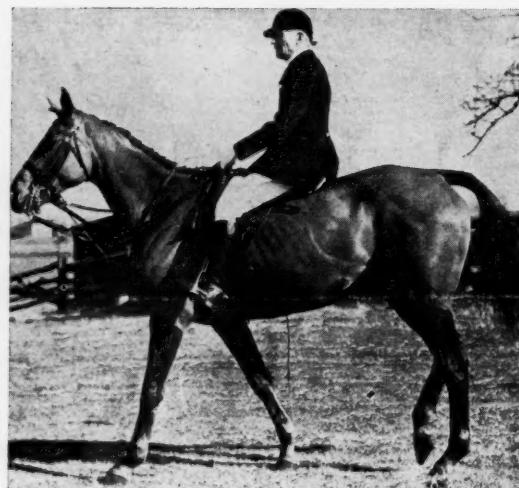


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Ralph T. King, Master, (1934) of Chagrin Valley Hounds, with Kennels near Gates Mills, O., showed followers extremely good sport this season, weather permitting. Courtney Burton is Honorary Secretary as well as Hon. Whipper-in, with Huntsman Smith again with Hounds. The official season is from August to January, three days a week. The country is approximately 500 square miles with steep, wooded ravines interspersed. Jumps are mostly panels and chicken coops. A blessing of Hounds took place in November.

Hunting Again

Orange County's M. F. H. Fletcher Harper was out for the first time since his second smash up this season, though not in an official capacity, when Hounds met a recent fixture on "Pignut Mountain". While Mr. Harper was relegated to crutches, acting-Masters were Robert B. Young and Delancey Nicoll, though, as with neighboring packs, Orange County's hunting has been curtailed through January and February with hunts limited to the mountainous areas near the kennels.



Father of Camden

"Little Squire Over 6'-0"—Riderless and Bareback



Of Oaks Hunt



—Morgan.

Oaks Hunt enjoys drag hunting on Long Island. Above is pictured Aubrey V. W. Gould, of "Fieldside" Great Neck, "Field-Master" of this Hunt.

The W. J. Kennedy's of Dedham, Mass., *LITTLE SQUIRE was imported from England. He stands but 13.2 hands (54 inches) and is shown accomplishing a plank fence 6'0" (72 inches), riderless and bareback, in his winter quarters at Pinehurst, N. C. An Irishman, Mickey Walsh, of Kildorrery, the Kennedy's Trainer-Manager, is shown up. He, it was, who rode *LITTLE SQUIRE to sensational triumphs in the Garden, and weighs with tack over 165 pounds, up. *LITTLE SQUIRE won the National Horse Show, the Westchester Country Club and Troy Jumper Championships in his 1939 campaigning. The little gray, scarcely bigger than a pony, has beaten the best horses in the United States and has never been out of the money. His breeding is not known. Note the consistent form pictured above, whether with burden of a rider or left to himself!



Harry D. Kirkover is a familiar and beloved figure in many a sporting fixture. He is now looking forward to another Camden Season with the Virginians Horse Show opening gun Saturday and closing with the Carolina Cup on March 30th.

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